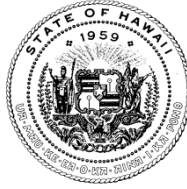


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State Capitol, Room 430

**H.B. 228**  
**RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports H.B. 228**, which authorizes the counties to adopt rules for the use of electronic license plates. Prohibits the use of license plate flipping devices. Establishes minimum fines for intentionally obscuring a license plate with a cover or shield.

The DOT supports this measure to prohibit the use of license plate flipping devices and establish minimum fines for those who use a license plate cover as these will impact the automated enforcement program.

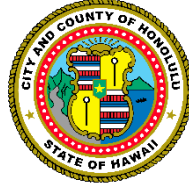
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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January 27, 2025

The Honorable Darius K. Kila, Chair  
The Honorable Tina Nakada Grandinetti, Vice Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol, Conference Room 430  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Kila, Vice Chair Grandinetti, and Members of the House Committee on Transportation,

SUBJECT: H.B. No. 228 - Relating To License Plates  
HEARING: Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD), Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), respectfully offers comments to H.B. No. 228, Relating to License Plates. CSD DMV appreciates the intent of the proposed legislation and the opportunity to offer the following comments for your committee's consideration.

Section 1 of the bill proposes to allow the counties to adopt rules authorizing the use of an electronic license plate in lieu of one or both physical license plates currently issued in the City and County of Honolulu by CSD DMV. While CSD DMV appreciates the intent to allow each county to adopt rules relating to electronic license plates, if CSD DMV is delegated administrative rulemaking authority, CSD DMV will require adequate time to research and consider implementation requirements in order to proceed to promulgate such administrative rules. CSD DMV would not be prepared to immediately implement the usage of electronic license plates in the City and County of Honolulu. Therefore, CSD DMV appreciates the ability to promulgate administrative rules and implement the usage of electronic license plates in a manner and time to be determined in CSD DMV's discretion.

Sections 2 and 3 of the bill propose to prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle with a license plate flipping device and to prohibit intentionally obscuring a vehicle's license plate through the use of a cover or shield. CSD DMV appreciates the intent of

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the proposed legislation and supports the proposed sections regarding the prohibition of license plate flipping devices and prohibition of intentional obscuring of a vehicle's license plate.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. No. 228.

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Hashiro  
Director Designate

**HB-228**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 1:02:24 AM

Testimony for TRN on 1/28/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sylvie Madison	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as electronic license plates can be hacked. A simple search on this matter brings up many articles about this. This is not a well reserached bill.