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February 21, 2025  
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State Capitol, Room 16 & Videoconference

**S.B. 1096**  
**RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES**

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Senate Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports S.B. 1096**, which prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle with possession, purchase, installation, sale, offer for sale, or distribution of license plate flipping devices. Establishes a \$2,000 fine for each separate violation.

The HDOT supports this measure which prohibits the use of license plate flipping devices which will impact the automated enforcement program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**SB-1096**

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Testimony for CPN on 2/21/2025 10:10:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I know public testimony and comments don't muster any thought, but I OPPOSE

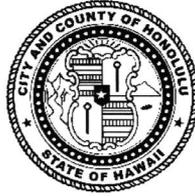
License Plates are a scheme and government 'voluntary program' to prevent motor vehicle theft,  
34 U.S. Code section 12611

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February 21, 2025

The Honorable Jarret Keohokalole, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection  
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
State Senate  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Keohokalole and Rhoads and Members:

**SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 1096, Relating to License Plates**

I am Major Stason Tanaka of District 7 (East Honolulu) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 1096, Relating to License Plates. License plates are vital in the identification of vehicles for public safety purposes. It is crucial that devices that hamper the ability of law enforcement officials to run checks of license plates be prohibited.

Devices that prevent the proper identification of a vehicle pose a threat to our community as they allow drivers to evade identification while operating a vehicle that is being operated illegally or is being sought by law enforcement. For instance, these devices can be used to hide vehicles involved in traffic violations, such as running a red light, which in some areas are monitored via automated cameras, to those involved in crimes such as, but not limited to, reckless driving, driving under the influence, or fleeing the scene of an accident.

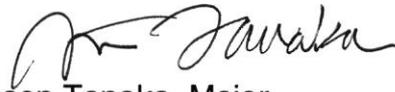
License plates not only allow law enforcement officers the ability to readily identify vehicles but also lend to their legal authority to execute a traffic stop based on the vehicle's status.

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
and Members  
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and Members  
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The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 1096, Relating to License Plates.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Stason Tanaka, Major  
District 7

APPROVED:



Arthur J. Logan  
Chief of Police

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**SB-1096**

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Ruth Love	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB1096

Excellent bill. Thank you

Mrs Ruth Love