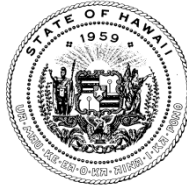


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**H.B. 541, H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO VEHICLE SAFETY**

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 541, H.D. 1, which requires proper head lamp specifications for vehicle safety inspections.

The DOT supports this effort to ensure that all vehicle safety equipment is properly maintained to provide maximum safety benefit for all roadway users.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**STRONG SUPPORT - HB541 HD1**

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Angela Ejida and this testimony reflects support for HB541 HD1 in regards to vehicle safety. The bill addresses the matter of mandating a suitable head lamp specification for vehicle safety inspection. As a pedestrian who walks across the street in the late evenings, I would often see vehicles that have extremely bright headlights which could cause distractions to other drivers on the road. It is also a dangerous situation as pedestrians are walking in the crosswalk and the opposite side of the traffic would have a difficult time noticing them as these headlights would limit their visibility. This is a concerning matter as the overpowering headlights can prevent other drivers from properly seeing the road, pedestrians, or other vehicles which, therefore, can create another factor of traffic-related injuries or deaths. This situation is important to observe and look further into as each driver and any individual on the road should have the full accessibility to see. The ability to see is an essential component of safely being on the roads in all scenarios of crossing the street and driving. As a result, I extend my full support of this bill in hopes of creating a safer road for all. Thank you for taking the time to read this written testimony and allowing me the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,  
Angela Ejida