

HB-541

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Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support: Many of us, if not all of us, have experienced the overpowering brightness of after market headlamps as we drive on or walk along our roadways. Thank you for your attention on this safety issue.

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To: Rep. Chris Todd, Chair
Rep. Darius Kila, Vice Chair
& Members
House Transportation Committee

From: Mahealani Cypher
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Re: Support for H.B. 541 – Relating to Vehicle Safety

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Kila and Committee Members.

I offer my strong support for H.B. 541, which addresses the problem of blinding headlights on lifted trucks that affect traffic safety in our community.

Over the years, I have grown increasingly concerned about these headlights, which flash so brightly toward oncoming traffic that it creates a traffic hazard. Motorists are forced to look away, which can sometimes be difficult if there is congestion on our roadways.

These blinding headlights can even sometimes be found on sedans – and I suspect they're not even turned on high beams – also creating adverse reactions for other motorists.

This bill can help the situation by requiring that safety checks require the headlights for all vehicles conform with standard head lamp requirements.

I urge your committee to approve this bill.

Mahalo.

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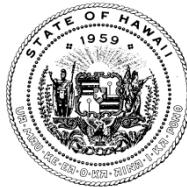


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Comments:

Adherence to headlight certification standards by all registered vehicles is essential to public safety on the State's thoroughfares. The headlights of numerous raised vehicles present a blinding light to the drivers of opposing traffic, instead of just lighting the roadway. Additionally, many of our State's roadways have insufficient lighting to provide a safe visual context when averting ones eyes to avoid the blinding glare, presenting a risk of leaving the roadway. Non-compliant vehicles pose a significant safety risk to the State's drivers and, accordingly, I strongly support HB541.

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H.B. 541
RELATING TO VEHICLE SAFETY

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 541, 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.