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# POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF KAUAI



TODD G. RAYBUCK, CHIEF OF POLICE

Testimony of Todd G. Raybuck  
Chief of Police  
Kauai Police Department

Before the  
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
February 7, 2024, 2:00 pm  
Conference Room 325 & via Videoconference

In consideration of  
House Bill 1981 H.D. 1  
Relating to Traffic Violations

Honorable Chair Tarnas, Honorable Vice-Chair Takayama, and Committee Members:

The Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) **supports** House Bill 1981 H.D. 1 Relating Traffic Violations, which specifies that a portion of the revenues collected from traffic violations shall be disbursed to the county that enforces the violation.

The steady increase in tourism on Kaua'i has had negative consequences on our island's roadways. Specifically, state highways adjacent to beach parks and other areas of public interest are often congested by illegal stopping, standing, and parking thereby impeding the regular flow of traffic.

The regulation of traffic laws and parking enforcement falls predominantly upon county law enforcement agencies. Disbursing funds to the county from where the enforcement the traffic violations are conducted will assist to offset the costs associated with enforcement.

For this reason the Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) **supports** House Bill 1981 H.D. 1 Relating Traffic Violations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Todd G. Raybuck  
Chief of Police  
Kaua'i Police Department



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February 6, 2024

**TESTIMONY OF ADDISON BULOSAN  
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON  
HB 1981, HD1, RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATION  
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
Wednesday, February 7, 2024  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 325  
Via Videoconference**

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1981, HD 1, Relating to Traffic Violation. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council.

I wholeheartedly support the intent of HB 1981, HD 1, which would greatly affect the Kaua'i community.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1981, HD 1. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via email to [cokcouncil@kauai.gov](mailto:cokcouncil@kauai.gov).

Sincerely,

**ADDISON BULOSAN**  
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

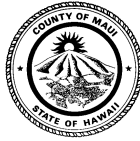
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February 6, 2024

TO: The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1981, HD1, RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS**

I support this measure to specify that a portion of the revenues collected from traffic violations be disbursed to the county that enforced the violation.

I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I this measure for the following reasons:

1. While the counties are responsible for enforcement, revenues accruing from parking tickets and violations of the Statewide Traffic Code are paid solely to the State. Traffic citations are issued by police officers whose costs, including salaries, equipment, and administrative support, are funded by the counties.
2. This measure provides an equitable way to share the responsibility of maintaining public safety for residents and visitors between the State and the counties.

Thank you for your consideration

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TESTIMONY OF J. ROGER MORTON  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
**Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 2:00 PM, Via Videoconference**

TO: Rep. David A Tarnas, Chair, Rep. Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair, and Members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

RE: SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1981, HD1, RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS,  
WITH COMMENTS

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) of the City and County of Honolulu (City) supports House Bill 1981, House Draft 1, relating to traffic violations and provides the following comments.

DTS strongly supports the bill's intent to disburse a portion of the revenues collected from traffic violations to the county that enforced the violation. These funds can provide additional resources to support City services such as traffic enforcement, roadway safety and improvements, and can provide for other critical needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support with comments.



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February 7, 2024

The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair  
The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 2:00 PM  
Conference Room 325 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 1981, HD1 Relating to Traffic Violations**

I am writing in **strong support** of HB 1981, HD1 which specifies that a portion of the revenues collected from traffic violations be disbursed to the county that enforced the violation.

Although county law enforcement agencies are generally tasked with enforcement of parking laws, revenues from citations are paid to the State. Receipt of a portion of the funds collected will provide the counties with additional resources to bolster enforcement activities that ensure the safe and efficient use of our roadways.

For these reasons, I respectfully request the passage of HB 1981, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your favorable consideration of this important measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Radiant Cordero". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Radiant Cordero  
Councilmember, District VII



## Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 2:00 PM  
CR 325 & Videoconference

#### HB1981 HD1 RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee Members,

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **supports HB1981 HD1.**

This measure is consistent with several goals of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan including supporting a reliable and efficient transportation system and improving the safety of the transportation system. As traffic fines currently go to the state only, this measure would benefit the counties in ensuring all roads and highways remain safe and unobstructed. In addition, the fines can be used by the police department to increase enforcement across our communities to provide the necessary resources to carry out the enforcement's purpose.

The OahuMPO is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the island of Oahu responsible for carrying out a multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a long-range (25-year horizon) metropolitan transportation plan, referred to as the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) that encourages and promotes a safe and efficient transportation system to serve the mobility needs of people and freight (including walkways, bicycles, and transit), fosters economic growth and development, and takes into consideration resiliency needs, while minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution ([23 CFR 450.300](#)).

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 — 2:00 p.m.

**Ulupono Initiative supports HB 1981 HD1, Relating to Traffic Violations.**

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy, clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

**Ulupono supports HB 1981 HD1**, which specifies that a portion of the revenues collected from traffic violations shall be disbursed to the county that enforced the violation.

Ulupono supports the counties' ability to collect 50% of the revenues collected from traffic violations. With additional resources, counties can better serve our communities with roads that are safe and unobstructed.

Many may think that enforcement of parking rules is just a revenue ploy, but in many places unenforced and poor parking management leads to more chaotic outcomes.<sup>1</sup> In contrast, equitable and consistent parking enforcement can be a very important tool in how we manage our public spaces—specifically our streets. As our counties reform and update their on-street parking policies, as the City and County did recently with Ordinance 23-27, improved enforcement is key for success.

Historically, the revenues from these violations have remained with the State to cover the costs of tickets and adjudication—a good portion of which is now online and automated. As a result, the financial benefits of enforcement are not shared with those that pay for enforcement, thus leading to under-resourced or absent enforcement. In the 2015 Honolulu Urban Core Parking Master Plan, a lack of enforcement was noted and likely "...symptomatic of the HPD's budgetary limits and/or the fact that HPD may not be motivated to write citations because it does not retain any parking citations income."<sup>2</sup> This bill helps to share the fiscal benefits across the counties and the State more equally considering their respective contributions.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.itdp.org/2021/09/15/equitable-streets-start-with-parking-reform/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2985](https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2985)



In addition, we would also recommend that counties have more flexibility in staffing such enforcement programs. Currently, only county employees or officers may enforce parking as per HRS 291C-167. It would be a great improvement if the counties were also able to employ the same flexibility as the University of Hawai'i in using parking managers or other authorized personnel (including private concessionaires) to enforce parking rules. This can also include using more automated enforcement mechanisms as the technologies develop and are employed across the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata  
Director of Government Affairs