



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097
January 28, 2011

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 538

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation opposes H.B. 538 which would require as a condition of the issuance of a motor vehicle certificate of inspection, the installation of road pollution filters to reduce air pollution from fine particulate matter.

We tried to find information about the filters proposed in this bill but were unable to find anything except that they are the subject of research. Before requiring all motor vehicles in the state to install the proposed filters, we would like to know what they cost, where can they be obtained, what is required to install them, how long they last and the process of disposal of used filters. Until information about the filters and the filters are readily available, it is premature to require all vehicle owners to install them.

The bill also requires the filters to be installed on all new cars. This may be in conflict with federal law, which requires states to allow vehicles to be use on the public roads if the vehicle manufacturer certifies that the vehicle is in compliance with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards as of the date of manufacture. Adding this requirement seems to go beyond the authority of the State.

DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE, LICENSING AND PERMITS
ADMINISTRATION
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January 27, 2011

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 426
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Committee Members:

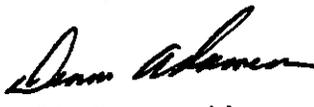
Subject: H.B. No. 538, Relating to Motor Vehicle Inspections

The City and County of Honolulu has concerns with H.B. No. 538 which will require the installation of road pollution filters on all vehicles before successfully completing a inspection beginning July 1, 2012.

As of December 31, 2010, there were 1,151,681 registered vehicles in the State of Hawaii. I do not believe that one year is sufficient time to obtain the necessary quantities of these filters and to have these filters installed in all vehicles before the vehicle is subject to a periodic vehicle inspection.

The City and County of Honolulu urges that H.B. No. 538 be effective on a date to be established by the State Director of Transportation Rules, based upon product and installation facilities availability for the public.

Sincerely,


for Gail Y. Haraguchi
Director



January 31, 2011

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
ON HB 538 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS**

Thank you Chair Souki and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 400 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association opposes this bill.

Judging from the language of this bill it does not seem that the invention has been completed, nor the testing. It is impossible for us to research the scientific merits of such a system at the moment.

Furthermore, most commercial motor vehicle axles do not have wheel wells.

Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Joseph M. Souki
Chair, Committee on Transportation
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433
Via Email: TRNtestimony@Capitol.Hawaii.gov

FROM: Christine Ogawa Karamatsu

DATE: January 29, 2011

RE: **H.B. 538 - Relating to Motor Vehicle Inspection**
Hearing: Monday, January 31, 2011 at 8:30 a.m., Room 309

Dear Chair Souki and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

I am Christine Ogawa Karamatsu, testifying on behalf of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (“Alliance”). The Alliance is a trade association representing twelve car and light truck manufacturers, including: BMW, Chrysler, Ford, GM, Jaguar Land Rover, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi, Porsche, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo.

The Alliance **opposes** H.B. 538, which requires the installation of road pollution filters to reduce air pollution from fine particular matter, as a condition of the issuance of a motor vehicle certificate of inspection.

The Alliance appreciates that the intent of this legislation is to incorporate “green” technology that could benefit the health of Hawaii’s residents and the environment. However, we have concerns about mandating the installation of technology as described in this legislation that is still relatively new and does not appear to be in widespread use in the United States.

Our members spend many years, and millions of dollars in research and development on the parts installed in our automobiles to ensure that they are as safe as possible for the consumer. Requiring any type of after-market installation not installed by the

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manufacturer for a vehicle as a condition of receiving a safety certificate of inspection may be counterproductive to ensuring the safety of the driver and all others who use Hawaii's roads.

We respectfully ask that you **hold** H.B. 538. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 5:49 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: reeftour@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM
Attachments: House Bill 538 support testimony.docx

Testimony for TRN 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM HB538

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
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Organization: Individual
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E-mail: reeftour@aol.com
Submitted on: 1/27/2011

Comments:

January 27, 2011

Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: Testimony in Support of HB538

Dear Representative Souki:

We need your help. Our health is being put a risk every day. We need regulation to close the gaps that allow this health risk to continue. Please support and pass HB538.

THE PROBLEM:

A high concentration of fine particle pollution located on and around roads is causing serious health problems among residents. This fact is well documented. A significant amount of this road pollution comes from tires and brakes and the crushing of materials on road surfaces by rolling tires.

Particles on roads are thrown into the air by rolling tires where they can be breathed in; the finer the particles the more hazardous they are to health.

There is irrefutable scientific evidence that proves exposure to fine and ultra-fine particles in the air are very hazardous to human health. Some of the recent studies indicate changes in the DNA, increase cancer risk, heart disease, low birth weights, decreased lung development and other related deadly illnesses. It is also becoming clear that such exposure; especially to latex proteins from radial tire particles is responsible for a growing respiratory epidemic in our country.

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The US EPA and state agencies claim to be powerless to do anything about the problem without regulation. The regulatory agencies claim by statute that they can only regulate tailpipe emissions. This

regulatory gap in the law must be addressed for the health of all citizens. The agencies must be charged with the duty to mitigate this health risk.

Government agencies are lacking a legal mandate to act. We need legislation to demand the capture of these particles.

Please take action to amend state law to require reduction of fine particle pollution on our roads. Our health depends on it.

Sincerely,

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 8:36 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bjgruzinsky@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM HB538

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
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Phone: 808-396-1683
E-mail: bjgruzinsky@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 1/27/2011

Comments:

HB538 SUPPORT REQUEST

Dear Representative Souki,

My family and I have been advocates for a clean and healthy environment here in Hawaii and the planet for over the past 30 years.

We believe there is undeniable scientific evidence that our roadways and vehicle traffic are a major contributing factor for serious pollutants causing a serious health hazard to all. Government agencies cannot act without legislation. We are asking for your help by joining us with your support for HB538.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 5:03 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: dylan.137@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM HB538

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dylan Krantz
Organization: Individual
Address: 137 kaulana way Honolulu Hawaii
Phone: 808 741 2293
E-mail: dylan.137@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 1/28/2011

Comments:
It would be outrageous to not have this bill passed

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 5:24 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: kameronluyt@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kameron Luyt
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 8082553972
E-mail: kameronluyt@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 1/28/2011

Comments:

Let's keep our air clean! This might be good to raise some state tax dollars for building better roads!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 5:58 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: candicewaldron@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: candice waldron
Organization: Individual
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Phone: 7189029144
E-mail: candicewaldron@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 1/28/2011

Comments:
pass the law!!!!

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 6:03 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bobbie_1602@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: bobbie holt
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bobbie_1602@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 1/28/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 6:39 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jeremy@hawaiirental.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeremy Hillstrom
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jeremy@hawaiirental.com
Submitted on: 1/28/2011

Comments:

I support bill HB 538 please choose to reduce pollution on our small islands.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 7:37 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bcbastin@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM HB538

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brian Bastin
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bcbastin@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 1/28/2011

Comments:
pass this bill

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 8:00 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: taylordaveb@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dave Taylor
Organization: Individual
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Phone:
E-mail: taylordaveb@gmail.com
Submitted on: 1/28/2011

Comments:

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 11:58 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: CaptainJimGreen@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Captain James Green
Organization: Individual
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Phone: 8016369903
E-mail: CaptainJimGreen@gmail.com
Submitted on: 1/28/2011

Comments:

I feel support of this technology will help clean up our environment and is a good thing.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 12:13 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: mailetakahashi@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Maile Takahashi
Organization: Individual
Address: PO Box 25426 Honolulu, HI.
Phone: 8083891230
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Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:
Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Committee Members

Hawaii House Bill 538 can save lives. Fine particulate matter on roadways causes cancer. other debilitating diseases and premature death!

Brake and tire wear particulate is re-entrained by vehicles and we are forced to breath these toxic elements where we live, work, play, go to school - anytime we are near a busy roadway.

Think about the schools that are along H1 - REALLY???? Our children??? Isn't it easier to require a filter system than to move schools???

I URGE immediate passage of this measure.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: lanny433@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:

Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Committee Members

The regulatory gaps in (mobile source) vehicle pollution have earned attention as research shows that atmospheric deposition/road dust is a major cause and is affecting the health of all people. Air pollution that settles on the road or is created from the wear of tires, brakes and pavement is a larger problem than once believed. All vehicles contribute as they roll by. According to statistics published by the Rubber Manufacturers of America, manufacturers shipped 259.7 million tires in the U.S. in 2009. Road dust is now believed to be up to 50% of the particle emissions in urban cities. The current laws governing air quality address only the tail pipe emissions.

The scientific evidence is irrefutable; there is NO DEBATE ON THE PROBLEM.

The Federal Clean Air Act requires regulation of vehicle emissions, but does not specifically promulgate rules that address re-entrained road dust, tire wear and brake wear. THIS IS A DEADLY REGULATORY GAP. These emission sources spew billions of fine and ultra fine particulates into the air every day.

WE MUST take action to address this regulatory gap. HAWAII must protect its citizens it is your duty.

I URGE PASSAGE of HB538 NOW.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 12:54 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: marktakahashi@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:

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I URGE PASSAGE of HB538 NOW. I DO SUGGEST WE AMEND THE BILL TO NEW VEHICLES ONLY

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

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Cc: augustussantos@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:

Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Committee Members

Please grant your support of HB538. +

Regulatory Gaps are Causing Pollution to Reach Epidemic Levels

Near road particle pollution is one of the most significant health risks facing our nation and its getting worse!

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You may be missing the most damaging types of pollution.

Support HB538

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

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Cc: gineslisa@gmail.com
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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
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Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:
January 27, 2011

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Committee on Transportation
Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Committee Members - Transportation Committee House of Representatives Honolulu, Hawaii

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Particles on roads are thrown into the air by rolling tires where they can be breathed in; the finer the particles the more hazardous they are to health.

There is irrefutable scientific evidence that proves exposure to fine and ultra-fine particles in the air are very hazardous to human health. Some of the recent studies indicate changes in the DNA, increase cancer risk, heart disease, low birth weights, decreased lung development and other related deadly illnesses. It is also becoming clear that such exposure; especially to latex proteins from radial tire particles is responsible for a growing respiratory epidemic in our country.

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Government agencies are lacking a legal mandate to act. We need legislation to demand the capture of these particles.

Please take action to amend state law to require reduction of fine particle pollution on our roads. Our health depends on it.

Sincerely,
Lisa Gines

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 3:55 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: irok75@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Phone: 808-348-1675
E-mail: irok75@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:
January 27, 2011

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Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Committee Members - Transportation Committee House of Representatives Honolulu, Hawaii

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Sincerely,
Kori Rumer

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 5:33 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Haileybuggiy@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM HB538

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Hailey O'Handley
Organization: Individual
Address: Lunalilo Home Road Honolulu, HI
Phone: 3946256
E-mail: Haileybuggiy@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:

i live on Lunalilo home road in Hawaii Kai and the pollution is always bugging my lungs. I don't want to die from cancer knowing that it could have been easily prevented.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 5:44 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bradoinhnl@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM HB538

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Ena k Hawkins
Organization: Individual
Address: 627 Kaumaka Place Honolulu, HI
Phone: 3946256
E-mail: bradoinhnl@msn.com
Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:

This bill should pass and is very important to our children and grandchildren as well as ourselves. To dismiss proven statistics on the damage to the air and environment is criminal. You should stand firm on passing this bill.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 5:50 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: bradoinhnl@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Brad O'Handley
Organization: Individual
Address: 627 Kaumaka Place Honolulu, HI
Phone: 808-220-7148
E-mail: bradoinhnl@msn.com
Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:

This bill is very important to the health and environment of Hawaii. Statistics show that the emission and other substances given off by automobiles are harmful to people. As a father with a child with asthma this becomes increasingly important. PLEASE pass this bill.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 5:54 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: surfingirl28@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Stephanie O'Handley
Organization: Individual
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Phone: 808-386-9167
E-mail: surfingirl28@msn.com
Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:

This bill is very important to me as I ride my bicycle everywhere. Plus people come to Hawaii for a nice -pollution free- time, they don't expect air pollution, or car exhaust. No, people come to Hawaii expecting a tropical clean safe environment, not one that may give them cancer.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 8:26 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: kristi@matsons.net
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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kristi Matson
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Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:

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Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 8:27 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: brent@matsons.net
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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brent Matson
Organization: Individual
Address: Honolulu
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E-mail: brent@matsons.net
Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:

January 28, 2011

Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Committee on Transportation
Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Committee members
House of Representatives
Honolulu, HI

I fully support HB 538

Dear Representative Souki,

We need your help. Our health is being put at risk every day. Please support and pass HB 538.

A high concentration of fine particle pollution located on and around roads is causing serious health problems among citizens. A significant amount of this road pollution comes from tires and brakes. These facts are well documented.

Lets take the lead in doing something about this problem.

Please take action to amend state law to require reduction of fine particle pollution on our roads. Our health depends on it.

Sincerely,

Courtney Krantz

James Montenero

I strongly agree with HB 538.

Over the past several years I have been learning about the huge problem of road and vehicle pollution. This is a problem that doesn't seem to be being addressed. I believe that Hawaii has a great opportunity to do something about this.

I fully support moving forward with this bill and its intentions of cleaning up. I believe this will save lives and our environment.

Please consider this bill.

James Montenero

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: Mail4Tay@aol.com
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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Taylor Krantz
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:
I strongly support this bill.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 10:00 PM
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Cc: Dylan.137@hotmail.com
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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Dylan Krantz
Organization: Individual
Address: 137 Kaulana Way Honolulu, Hi
Phone: 808 741 2293
E-mail: Dylan.137@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 1/29/2011

Comments:
I strongly support this bill.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2011 5:16 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: cubden@hawaii.rr.com
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LATE TESTIMONY

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mona Balish
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: cubden@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 1/30/2011

Comments:

I strongly support this effort in keeping our roads and environment cleaner. It is our responsibility to keep the land as safe and toxin free as we possibly can. I believe that StreetVac has the technology which can help clean our roads. This means a healthier place for us all to live. For my family and yours, I fully support this HB 538.

ichiyama3 - Cu Ri

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2011 5:23 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: jack@diamondheadframes.com
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LATE TESTIMONY

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jacques F. Balish
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jack@diamondheadframes.com
Submitted on: 1/30/2011

Comments:

I believe that StreetVac will benefit our efforts to clean up our roads, and the pollutants which are found there. If you happen to live near a street where there are cars ,buses and constant activity which stirs up the road dust; which is filled with airborne chemicals hazardous to our health, you put your health in great danger.I strongly support StreeVac, and HB358.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2011 5:39 PM
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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ashley Tanaka
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: akt147@gmail.com
Submitted on: 1/30/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:08 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: RawcoHI@cs.com
Subject: Testimony for HB538 on 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM
Attachments: HB 538 wheel well filters.doc

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony for TRN 1/31/2011 8:30:00 AM HB538

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Reg White
Organization: Individual
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Phone: 808-222-9794
E-mail: RawcoHI@cs.com
Submitted on: 1/30/2011

Comments:

HB 538

In room 309 at 0830 on Monday, 31 January 2011 House Committee on Transportation

Chair Souki and respected members of the Committee,

My name is Reg White. I have read the proposed legislation in this bill and come only to the conclusion that this intent is laudable but the technology is not yet ready for prime time. First we need to know just what the cost to install this system into the average vehicle will be and what will be the lifetime of the device. Will regular servicing such as filter replacement or cleaning have to take place? How much will this cost? How will the operator know just when such servicing will be required? Is the reduction in overall air pollution measurable or are we just impressed with the amount of dirt that the test device can deliver from sucking samples of air from the wheel wells of operating vehicles?

So far as I can glean from this proposed bill the device designed and under testing by UH is not yet on the market and may well not provide any significant reduction in overall air pollution nor improvement in overall air quality for an at this time unknown cost to the consumer. When the results come in, let us look at this program again. Until such time.....

Please defer this bill.

Thankyou,

Reg White
1540 S. King ST.
Honolulu, HI 96826-1919
808-222-9794

LATE TESTIMONY

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Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
Honolulu, Hawaii

1/31/2011

Dear Representative Souki:

I am writing to express my strong support for HB538.

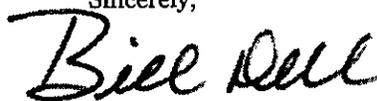
For over 25 years, I've worked in the mobile source pollution control field in federal and state government, and in private industry. Over that time, we have made great strides at reducing tailpipe emissions from vehicles. However, until recently, little attention has been paid to the serious health effects of fine and ultra-fine particles that are in very high concentration near busy roads.

Current studies commissioned by the US EPA have shown that near-road exposure to particle pollution is much more hazardous than tailpipe pollution or ozone. Clear links have been drawn between increased incidents of asthma and heart disease to people who live near heavily trafficked roads.

The relationship between traffic congestion and health risk is undeniable; and Honolulu has the second worst traffic congestion in the nation after Los Angeles. Unfortunately, all of our progress on tailpipe emission reduction has little effect on near-road particle exposure. Instead, vehicle miles travelled, which have increased exponentially in Hawaii since 1980, are the cause of higher levels of particles from tire wear, brake wear and road-dust re-entrainment.

Now is the time to take action to reduce human exposure to this increasing health risk. Please support HB538.

Sincerely,



Bill Dell

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Scott Ng
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Submitted on: 1/30/2011

Comments:
I strongly support bill HB538