

HB436

HD1

RELATING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

Amends the definition of "emergency vehicle" in the law that requires approaching vehicles to slow and change lanes to include sheriff division vehicles, Hawaii emergency management agency vehicles, and county emergency management vehicles. (HB436 HD1)

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 436, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES

By

Nolan P. Espinda, Director
Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Transportation
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
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Thursday, March 19, 2015, 02:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chairs Nishihara and Espero; Vice Chairs Harimoto and Baker; and Members of the Committees:

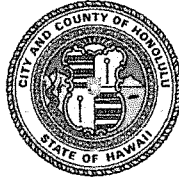
The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **strongly supports** House Bill (HB) 436, House Draft (HD) 1. We appreciate the House Committee on Judiciary's amendment to include PSD Sheriff Division's vehicles in this legislation. HB 436, HD 1 will help to ensure the safety of all first responders en route to hazardous events, especially on Hawaii roadways, when heavily trafficked and potentially dangerous to both first responders and members of the traveling public.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
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March 17, 2015

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and Members
Committee on Transportation
The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs
State Senate
415 Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill (H.B.) 436, H.D. 1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Melvin Kaku, Director of the Department of Emergency Management, City and County of Honolulu (City). I am testifying in strong SUPPORT of HB 436 H.D. 1.

H.B. 436, H.D. 1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles, amends the definition of "emergency vehicle" in the statewide traffic code to include "sheriff division vehicle, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency vehicle and County emergency management vehicles as 'Emergency Vehicles'".

The City's Department of Emergency Management has a cadre of trained Emergency Management Reservists who provide mission critical duties in support of the City's first responders during emergencies. These duties include traffic control, closing of roads, highways and other thoroughfares due to hazardous rockslides, mudslides, flash flooding and other duties which put them in harm's way. This measure will protect these personnel during their mission-critical duties.

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DEM strongly supports H.B. 436 H.D. 1 with the proposed amended language and thanks the committee for recognizing the necessity to include the sheriff division as well as the State and County emergency management vehicles in carrying out public safety duties.

I urge your committee to pass H.B. 436 H.D. 1 as amended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Melvin N. Kaku
Director

cc: Roy K. Amemiya, Jr., Managing Director

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March 19, 2015

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State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 436, H.D. 1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Darren Izumo, Acting Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu. The HPD strongly supports the passage of House Bill No. 436, H.D. 1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

The passage of this bill would include all state civil defense and county emergency management vehicles in the definition of "emergency vehicle" in Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 291C-27, commonly known as the "move over" law.

The "move over" law was designated for all emergency responders who provide services to our community. All state civil defense and county emergency management vehicles should be included in this law.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 436, H.D. 1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Darren Izumo, Acting Major
Traffic Division

APPROVED:

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Louis M. Kealoha
Chief of Police



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**The Twenty-Eighth Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Senate
Committee on Transportation
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**

**Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
March 19, 2015**

**H.B. 436, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO
EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 436, H.D. 1, which promotes highway safety by amending the Statewide Traffic Code to include Sheriff Division vehicles in the definition of emergency vehicles in Section 291C-27, HRS. This section requires vehicles to slow and change lanes when approaching emergency vehicles that are stopped while performing their official duties. Amending Section 291C-27, HRS is necessary to protect Deputy Sheriffs who provide important law enforcement services to the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 436, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

**Randy Perreira
Executive Director**

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 436 HD1
A BILL RELATING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES

PRESENTATION TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
TRANSPORTATION
and
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY
BRIGADIER GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
March 19, 2015

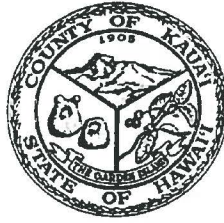
Chair Nishihara, Chair Espero, Vice Chair Harimoto, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committees on Transportation, and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

I am Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of House Bill 436 HD1.

This measure amends the definition of "emergency vehicle" in the law that requires approaching vehicles to slow and change lanes to include state civil defense vehicles and county emergency management vehicles. This needed change to the statewide traffic code will assist emergency management and civil defense personnel in the performance of their official duties in disaster situations.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of House Bill 436 HD1.

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



Elton S. Ushio
Civil Defense Manager

Nadine K. Nakamura
Managing Director

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March 18, 2015

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Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

SUBJECT: Testimony on H.B. 436, H.D. 1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Committee Members:

I am Elton Ushio, Manager of the County of Kaua'i Civil Defense Agency. I am testifying in SUPPORT of H.B. 436 H.D. 1.

H.B. 436 H.D. 1 will help to protect and ensure the safety of emergency management and civil defense personnel who provide various critical public safety functions.

We propose amending H.B. 436 H.D. 1 by changing section 2(b) from "Hawaii emergency management agency vehicle, county emergency management agency vehicle, or tow truck" to "Hawaii emergency management agency vehicle, county emergency management or civil defense vehicle, or tow truck".

This is due to the fact that the emergency management agencies for the counties of Kaua'i, Maui and Hawai'i are officially called Civil Defense.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 436, H.D. 1.

Sincerely,

Elton S. Ushio
Civil Defense Manager

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Submitted on: 3/18/2015

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Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

Subject: House Bill 436 HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Bryson A. Nakamoto, an Emergency Management Reservist for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

As a volunteer Emergency Management Reservist for the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management, my fellow reservists and I provide mission critical duties for the City & County of Honolulu alongside other first responders during emergencies. These duties include closing of roads, highways and other thoroughfares due to rockslides, mudslides, flash flooding as well as other duties which put us in harm's way.

The passage of this bill will amend subsection §291C –(2) (b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to include emergency management and Sheriff division vehicles as "Emergency Vehicles", thus giving us the added protection we need while serving the public during emergencies or other incidents.

I support House Bill 436, HD1, and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,

Bryson A. Nakamoto

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Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

Subject: House Bill 436 HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Colin S. Watanabe an Emergency Management Reservist for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

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I support House Bill 436, HD1, and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,

Colin S. Watanabe

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON HB 436

PRESENTATION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

DOUG MAYNE
ADMINISTRATOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
March 17, 2015

Chairs Nishihara and Espero, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Baker, and Members of the Committees.

I am Doug Mayne and I am the Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 436 HD1.

House Bill 436 provides needed protections for emergency management and civil defense personnel during disasters as they provide mission critical functions.

We propose amending H.B. 436 by changing section 2(b) from “Hawaii emergency management agency vehicle, county emergency management agency vehicle, or tow truck” to “Hawaii emergency management agency vehicle, county emergency management or civil defense vehicle, or tow truck”.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 436 HD1.

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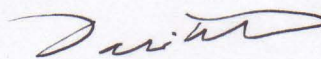
I am Daniel Ohta, an Emergency Management Reservist for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

As a volunteer Emergency Management Reservist for the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management, my fellow reservists and I provide mission critical duties for the City & County of Honolulu alongside other first responders during emergencies. These duties include closing of roads, highways and other thoroughfares due to rockslides, mudslides, flash flooding as well as other duties which put us in harm's way.

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I support House Bill 436, HD1, and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,



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Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

Subject: House Bill 436 HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Edwina T. Katsube, an Emergency Management Reservist for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

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I support House Bill 436, HD1, and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,



Edwina T. Katsube
DEM Reservist

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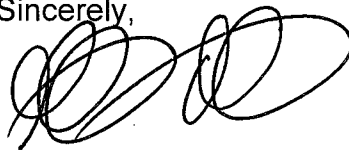
I am Grant Okamoto, Reserve District Coordinator for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

As a volunteer Emergency Management Reservist for the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management, my fellow reservists and I provide mission critical duties for the City & County of Honolulu alongside other first responders during emergencies. These duties include closing of roads, highways and other thoroughfares due to rockslides, mudslides, flash flooding as well as other duties which put us in harm's way.

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I support House Bill 436, HD1, and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey K. Spencer
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March 18, 2015

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Dear Chairs Nishihara, Espero and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill 436, HD1 Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Jeffrey Spencer, Reserve Services Coordinator for the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and I stand in strong support of House Bill 436, HD1 Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

As the Reserve Services Coordinator for DEM and former volunteer emergency management reservist for the past 20 years, I have responded to various emergency situations that place me and my fellow reservists in harm's way on the roadways of O'ahu,

The passage of this bill is critical in protecting all first responders statewide, by amending §291C –(2) (b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to include Emergency Management and Sheriff's Division vehicles as "Emergency Vehicles" thus giving all of us the added protection we need while serving the public during emergencies or other incidents.

I support House Bill 436, HD1 and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,



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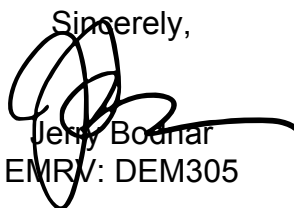
I am Jerry Bodnar, an Emergency Management Reservist for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

As a volunteer Emergency Management Reservist for the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management, my fellow reservists and I provide mission critical duties for the City & County of Honolulu alongside other first responders during emergencies. These duties include closing of roads, highways and other thoroughfares due to rockslides, mudslides, flash flooding as well as other duties which put us in harm's way.

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Sincerely,



Jerry Bodnar
EMRW: DEM305

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Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

Subject: House Bill 436 HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Kathleen S. Campbell, an Emergency Management Reservist for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

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I support House Bill 436, HD1, and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,

Kathleen S. Campbell

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Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

Subject: House Bill 436 HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Kayla L.M. Nakamoto, an Emergency Management Reservist for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

As a volunteer Emergency Management Reservist for the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management, my fellow reservists and I provide mission critical duties for the City & County of Honolulu alongside other first responders during emergencies. These duties include closing of roads, highways and other thoroughfares due to rockslides, mudslides, flash flooding as well as other duties which put us in harm's way.

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I support House Bill 436, HD1, and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,

Kayla L.M. Nakamoto

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Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

Subject: House Bill 436 HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Kenneth Kato, an Emergency Management Reservist for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

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I support House Bill 436, HD1, and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,



Kenneth S. Kato
District VIII

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Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

Subject: House Bill 436 HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Mark BRODIE, an Emergency Management Reservist for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

As a volunteer Emergency Management Reservist for the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management, my fellow reservists and I provide mission critical duties for the City & County of Honolulu alongside other first responders during emergencies. These duties include closing of roads, highways and other thoroughfares due to rockslides, mudslides, flash flooding as well as other duties which put us in harm's way.

I have had multiple encounters on the highways and roads to where vehicles came within feet of running into my vehicle despite the use of my emergency warning lighting installed in my vehicle. I have also encountered motorists who stop behind my vehicle (with my lights flashing) and honk their horn at me.

We are unpaid volunteers who have families as well as children but put others safety before ours. Please help us and our families to feel at rest that we are covered while doing so.

The passage of this bill will amend subsection §291C -(2) (b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to include emergency management and Sheriff division vehicles as "Emergency Vehicles", thus giving us the added protection we need while serving the public during emergencies or other incidents.

I support House Bill 436, HD1, and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Brodie".

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Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

Subject: House Bill 436 HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Nicole Ortega, the fiancé of Mark Brodie an Emergency Management Reservist for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

I am a strong supporter of this bill as I have witnessed how dangerous it is being a first responder on the highways and roads.

Every time my fiancé leaves home whether out on a call or him stopping to help someone who needs help, his safety is all I think about until I get a phone call from him that he is fine or till he returns home safely. He has mentioned that there have been a handful instances that he was nearly hit helping someone on the side of the road; that passing motorists didn't recognize his vehicle as an emergency vehicle and didn't know to "move over" for him; and just motorists being disrespectful for him being out there.

These Reservists deserve to have the same protection as any other Department in the city. He is one of many unpaid volunteers with the Department of Emergency Management who risk their lives on our roads every day to help others yet they were never covered from the initiation of this bill.

The passage of this bill will amend subsection §291C -(2) (b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to include emergency management and Sheriff division vehicles as "Emergency Vehicles", thus giving them the added protection they need while serving the public during emergencies or other incidents.

I support House Bill 436, HD1, and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,

Nicole Ortega

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HB436

Submitted on: 3/17/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Peterson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Urge you to include Sheriff vehicles and State and County Emergency Management vehicles.

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The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
The Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

Subject: House Bill 436 HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles

I am Steven Veray, an Emergency Management Reservist for the Department of Emergency Management, and stand in support of House Bill 436, HD1, Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

As a volunteer Emergency Management Reservist for the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management, my fellow reservists and I provide mission critical duties for the City & County of Honolulu alongside other first responders during emergencies. These duties include closing of roads, highways and other thoroughfares due to rockslides, mudslides, flash flooding as well as other duties which put us in harm's way.

The passage of this bill will amend subsection §291C -(2) (b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to include emergency management and Sheriff division vehicles as "Emergency Vehicles", thus giving us the added protection we need while serving the public during emergencies or other incidents.

I support House Bill 436, HD1, and thank both committees for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Veray'.

Steven Veray
Emergency Management Reservist
Department of Emergency Management