

# **SB 186**

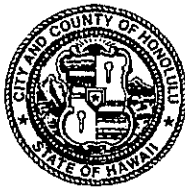
## **RELATING TO RESISTING AN ORDER TO STOP A VEHICLE**

Creates the offense of resisting an order to stop a motor vehicle in the first degree as a class C felony. Reclassifies the current offense of resisting an order to stop a motor vehicle to resisting an order to stop a motor vehicle in the second degree, a misdemeanor.

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February 12, 2015

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

Dear Chairs Espero and Nishihara and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 186, Relating to Resisting an Order to Stop a Vehicle

I am Craig Uehira, Acting Major of the Pearl City Police Station, Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the passage of Senate Bill 186, Relating to Resisting an Order to Stop a Vehicle, which creates the offense of Resisting an Order to Stop a Motor Vehicle in the First Degree as a Class C felony, and reclassifies the current offense of Resisting an Order to Stop a Motor Vehicle to Resisting an Order to Stop a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree as a misdemeanor.

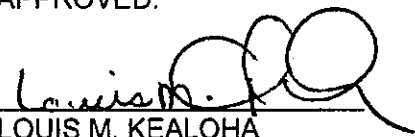
There have been many situations where an officer or a member of the public has been placed in jeopardy when the offender fled in a vehicle from the police. Existing laws do not adequately address these situations. Creating a new felony offense would provide the prosecutor with an additional offense to charge an offender, and may deter individuals from choosing to evade police.


The HPD requests that your committee support the passage of Senate Bill 186.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

  
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