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**H.B. 1692
RELATING TO MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1692 relating to mobile electronic devices. This bill requires every driver that violates this section be subject to a fine, with drivers paying a higher fine if they violate this section in a school zone or construction area. In addition, the fines shall be deposited into the state highway safety fund.

Fatality Analysis Reporting System Crash Data Querying and Reporting indicates that from 2016-2020, 22% (109 out of 498) of our fatal crashes in Hawaii involved a distracted driver.

The DOT urges your committee to pass H.B. 1692 as a deterrent for drivers to use their cell phones while driving. More importantly, we believe the bill will reduce motor vehicle fatalities and injuries on Hawaii's roadways.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.