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## H.B. 2246, H.D. 1 RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM SURCHARGE

## House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2246, H.D. 1, which would increase the state highway enforcement program surcharge for violations of Section 291C-111, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). HRS 291C-111 prohibits or restricts stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles where such activities may present a hazard to highway users.

According to federal crash statistics, roughly 566 deaths and 14,371 injuries occur annually involving stopped or disabled vehicles on a roadway. Increasing the surcharge for those willfully creating unsafe conditions for other road users could reduce deaths and injuries.

80% of this surcharge would be applied to parking enforcement efforts that help the state and counties be better able to enforce parking regulations on the roadways.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TO: Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair House Committee on Transportation

- FROM: Alice L. Lee Council Chair
- DATE: February 10, 2022

## SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF HB 2246, RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM SURCHARGE

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to amend the State Highway Enforcement Program surcharge.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I SUPPORT this measure for the following reasons:

- 1. With increased tourism and the parking issues that come with it, the County has experienced unsafe conditions on State highways in culturally and environmentally sensitive areas, such as on the Road to Hana.
- 2. This measure will provide funding for the Maui Police Department to improve parking enforcement in these sensitive areas, improving safety for all roadway users, enhancing emergency response, and protecting sensitive resources.
- 3. Increasing the surcharge will further deter illegal activity.

For the foregoing reasons, I **SUPPORT** this measure.

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