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Testimony for SUPPORT on HB2338, HD1			
RELATING TO THE STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY			
SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALO, CHAIR SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH			
SENATOR CHRIS LEE, CHAIR SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION			
Hearing Date:	3/21/2022	Room Number:	Video Conference

Fiscal Implications: This measure will appropriate \$400,000 from the state highway fund to the laboratory special fund for fiscal year 2022-2023, and authorizes the department of health to expend funds from the state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory special fund for the establishment of the state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory.

Department Testimony: The Department supports this measure. The funds will be expended for laboratory instrumentation, facility renovation, and security upgrades.

Offered Amendments: None.

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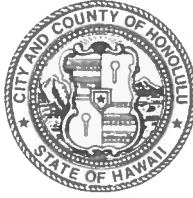
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9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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March 21, 2022

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
and Members
Committee on Health
The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Keohokalole and Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2338, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Drug and Alcohol
Toxicology Testing Laboratory

I am Acting Forensic Laboratory Director Hugh Okubo of the Scientific
Investigation Section of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of
Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 2338, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Drug and
Alcohol Toxicology Testing Laboratory.

The HPD supports the funding and creation of a State Drug and Alcohol
Toxicology Testing Laboratory. Currently drug and alcohol toxicology testing is
outsourced to the mainland as there is no local forensic toxicology laboratory.
Establishment of a state forensic toxicology laboratory will, over time, save time and
money for the required testing of evidence in criminal cases.

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
and Members

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The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 2338, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Drug and Alcohol Toxicology Testing Laboratory, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

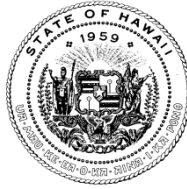
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Hugh Okubo, Acting Laboratory Director
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State Capitol Conference Room 225/Teleconference

**H.B. 2338, H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING
LABORATORY**

Senate Committee(s) on Health & Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2338, H.D. 1. This measure makes an appropriation from the state highway fund to the Department of Health's (DOH) state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory special fund for fiscal year 2022-2023 and authorizes the DOH to expend funds from the special fund for the establishment of the state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory.

Act 196, which passed into law last legislative session, established the special fund. This bill is needed to appropriate moneys from the state highway fund into the state drug and alcohol testing laboratory special fund and provide spending authority to the DOH to establish the state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory.

The DOT is primarily concerned about improving highway safety and protecting the lives of our community members and visitors. Having a drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory within our State will provide law enforcement and adjudicators with the resources they need to protect our public from impaired drivers.

The DOT urges your support with H.B. 2338, H.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.