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March 18, 2022

The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair and Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 423
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2118, S.D. 1, Relating to Traffic Violations

I am Bradon Ogata, Captain of the Legislative Liaison Office of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 2118, S.D. 1, Relating to Traffic Violations.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the language of Section 291C-194 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to make it clear that this law applies to the requirement to physically possess and present a driver's license upon demand when operating a moped. The clarification is necessary to better differentiate this section from HRS Section 286-102, Licensing, which requires that a person operating a moped be duly licensed by the examiner of drivers.

The HPD supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 2118, S.D. 1, Relating to Traffic Violations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

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Sincerely,

Brador Ogata, Captain

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# S.B. 2118, S.D. 1 RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 2118, S.D. 1, which requires the driver of a moped to be in immediate possession of a valid driver's license or instruction permit at all times.

The DOT supports any and all efforts to reduce moped and scooter fatalities and injuries on Hawaii's roadways. In 2021, there were 11 moped/scooter fatalities in Hawaii. This bill will make it easier for law enforcement to determine who has a driver's license/permit and those who are driving illegally.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.