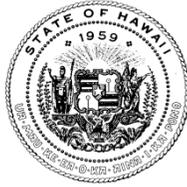


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H.B. 118
RELATING TO TRAFFIC FINES

Senate Committee(s) on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
and
Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation **supports** H.B. 118 to clarify that each county may, by ordinances, designate county highways where the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles are restricted or prohibited.

H.B. 118 will provide counties the option to use the state highway enforcement program on their highways where vehicles stopping, standing, or parking are creating an unsafe environment for road users.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 17, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Chris Lee, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the
Arts
The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 21, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 118,
RELATING TO TRAFFIC FINES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to allow counties to designate by ordinance certain sections of county highways as areas where vehicles may be prohibited or restricted from stopping, standing, or parking.

This measure is in the Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package approved by the Maui County Council; therefore, I offer this testimony on behalf of the Council.

The County Council supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. In Maui County, there are sections of county roads where visitors stop, pull over, or park on narrow, winding roads, creating hazardous conditions for themselves and other drivers.
2. Clarifying that counties may enact ordinances designating certain sections of county highways as areas where vehicles may be prohibited or restricted from stopping, standing, or parking will help counties to address this problem, leading to increased parking management and enforcement.

For the foregoing reasons, the Maui County Council **supports** this measure.



Testimony of the
Hawai'i State Association of Counties
H.B. No. 118
Relating to Traffic Fines

Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 3:01 p.m.

The Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) supports H.B. 118, which amends Act 250, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, to allow the counties to designate by ordinance where the parking of vehicles are restricted or prohibited because of an increase in illegally parked vehicles that creates unsafe and hazardous conditions, gridlock, and complaints from the surrounding communities.

Act 250, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, established the state highway enforcement program, because of a surge in unsafe and hazardous problems caused by illegal parking, which became a problem because of the surge in visitor-created traffic parking problems in areas such as the Kuhio Highway, which is a state highway, on the island of Kaua'i. Act 250 added a surcharge to existing penalties for illegal parking, with fifty percent of the surcharge distributed to the county police department which enforces laws and ordinances relating to illegal parking on state highways.

Unsafe and hazardous problems caused by illegal parking are not just a problem on state highways. To further address the problems caused by illegal parking, H.B. 118 amends Act 250 to authorize the counties to designate by ordinance specific sections of county highways subject to stopping, standing, and parking laws to enforce illegal parking violations and provide for parking management improvements.

For these reasons, the Hawai'i State Association of Counties strongly supports H.B. 118, and requests your favorable consideration of this measure.

HB-118

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:43:01 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/21/2023 3:01:00 PM

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