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H.B. 118 S.D. 1
RELATING TO TRAFFIC FINES

Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation **supports** H.B. 118 S.D. 1 to clarify that each county may, by ordinances, designate county highways where the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles are restricted or prohibited, and provides that any federal or state agency authorizing a road closure shall supersede a county ordinance.

H.B. 118 S.D. 1 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 and provides flexibility for road closures by federal or state agencies when necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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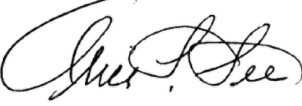
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March 29, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 30, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 118, SD1, RELATING TO TRAFFIC FINES**

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

This measure is in the Hawaii 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, other drivers, pedestrians, and emergency services.
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 SD1
Relating to Traffic Fines**

Committee on Judiciary

Thursday, March 30, 2023, 9:35 a.m.

The Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) supports H.B. 118 SD1, 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 SD1 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 SD1, and requests your favorable consideration of this measure.