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S.B. 1086 SD.1
State Highway Safety Council

Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 1086 SD 1. This measure amends the composition and duties of the state highway safety council.

Since the passage of Act 100, the DOT has taken a proactive approach to move in a timely and transparent manner as it relates to analyzing, planning, evaluating, and executing transportation projects.

The DOT appreciates the willingness of the Legislature to consider a council that has been comprised of community and professionals from across the state to provide input into a transportation system that is being upgraded to serve everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports SB1086 SD1, relating to Transportation

Aloha Chair Rhodes, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

My name is Travis Counsell, and I am the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, and roll. This means creating infrastructure that is designed for all users with safety as a top priority.

Hawai'i Bicycling League supports SB1086 SD1, which amends the composition and duties of the State Highway Safety Council

The intention of this bill is to provide an independent body that provides expertise and insight to improve transportation safety outcomes at the Hawai'i Department of Transportation. Given the high rate of traffic fatalities in Hawai'i, HBL supports any efforts to improve the safety of our roadways and effectiveness of programs that focus on that goal. Independent monitoring, evaluation, and guidance will provide better accountability and transparency as we work to drastically reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. Please support SB1086 SD1 and help create safer streets for all.

Ride Aloha,

Travis L. Counsell
Executive Director
Hawai'i Bicycling League