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TO: Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair
Representative Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor
Marc Takamori, Director of Transportation

DATE: March 18, 2024

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF SB2832, SD1, RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The Act specifies that the counties may issue traffic infractions for violations of any law prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on all highways and county property. Authorizes stopping, standing, and parking restrictions and prohibitions on property under jurisdiction of the Director of Transportation and the counties, respectively.

We **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. This bill allows the counties to issue traffic infractions for violations relating to stopping, standing, or parking vehicles on all highways and county property.
2. This bill allows designees of the Chief of Police to issue citations for violations of traffic Laws that do not mandate the physical arrest of violators, allowing more enforcement of our county and state traffic laws.
3. This bill will therefore allow the counties to better manage parking on County and State roadways.

For the foregoing reasons, we **SUPPORT** this measure.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SENATE BILL NO. 2832 SD1

RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY &
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Representative David Tarnas, Chair
Representative Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 325
And Via Video Conference

Honorable Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, the County of Hawai'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney submits the following testimony in support of the passage of Senate Bill No. 2832 SD1.

This bill was drafted with the intent to specify that the counties may issue traffic infractions for violations of any law prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on all highways. In addition, this bill authorizes stopping, standing, and parking restrictions and prohibitions on property under jurisdiction of the Director of Transportation and the respective counties.

This bill will encourage increased parking management, enforcement, and enhanced traffic safety by providing the counties with the authority to issue infractions for violations of any law prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicle on all highways. Given current police staffing shortages across our state, affording the county police departments with the flexibility to appoint a designee will ensure that traffic safety is maintained while our county police departments work towards filling their vacant employee positions.

For the foregoing reasons, the, County of Hawai'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 2832 SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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March 19, 2024

TO: The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 20, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2832, SD1, RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE**

I **support** this measure to allow counties to: (1) issue traffic infractions for violations of laws prohibiting or restricting stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on highways; and (2) restrict or prohibit stopping, standing, and parking on property under the jurisdiction of the State Director of Transportation and the counties, respectively.

I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Allowing counties greater authority under the Statewide Traffic Code will support public safety.
2. Allowing a police department designee to enforce traffic infractions allows for greater enforcement flexibility.
3. Allowing counties to restrict or prohibit stopping, standing, and parking on property under the jurisdiction of the State Director of Transportation and the counties, respectively, will provide opportunities for better parking management.

Thank you for your consideration.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 — 2:00 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports SB 2832 SD1, Relating to the Traffic Code

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

Ulupono supports SB 2832 SD1, which specifies that counties may issue traffic infractions for violations of any law prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on all highways. Authorizes stopping, standing, and parking restrictions and prohibitions on property under jurisdiction of the Director of Transportation and the counties, respectively.

Successful management of parking can help improve our communities in a multitude of ways. This bill allows a designee to issue citations for traffic violations, thereby bolstering the enforcement of county and state traffic laws while increasing public safety and reducing congestion due to vehicular traffic. Implementation of this measure will also align Hawai'i with other states across the country.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

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