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S.B. 3242
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Senate Committees Committee on Ways and Means

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** S.B. 3242 which removes the requirement for an engineering study when reducing the maximum speed limit within one mile of a school. S.B. 3242 also requires agencies to define and regularly perform evaluations to identify high risk or dangerous corridors and intersections, and plan strategies for mitigation, prioritizing changes that maximize safety and separate vehicles from vulnerable users such as pedestrians and bicyclists.

S.B. 3242 will allow flexibility when lowering speeds within one mile of a school is necessary for safety.

The HDOT currently uses a comprehensive safety management process for all roadway users that includes both a traditional crash-based approach, as well as a complementary systemic safety approach. The HDOT is also developing a Safety Analytics Platform to enhance current analytics. These efforts allow HDOT decision makers and practitioners to make better informed decisions and implement safety countermeasures or investments faster.

In addition, safety is addressed in every HDOT project that is implemented, and we support creating and maintaining a transportation system that provides safe mobility for all modes and users. We have reported on our robust educational, enforcement and engineering programs which we implemented to successfully save lives over years. We meet regularly with the four counties and metropolitan planning organizations to discuss project implementation, safety focus, and opportunities for funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding and programs, including discretionary grant opportunities for safety such as Safe Streets and Roads for All.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS AFFAIRS

Notice of Decision Making

Thursday, February 22, 2024, 10:05 AM, Via Videoconference

TO: Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

RE: WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 3242, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) of the City and County of Honolulu **supports** Senate Bill 3242, relating to transportation, and provides the following comments.

DTS agrees that evaluations to identify high-risk or dangerous corridors and intersections based on relevant statistics, including crashes, injuries, fatalities, or similar metrics should be undertaken. This data-driven process has been central in development of the recent Oahu Pedestrian Plan and the ongoing Vision Zero Action Plan.

The bill further provides that the legal requirement for an engineering study shall not apply when the department of transportation or county reduces the maximum speed limit within one mile of a school. The City is committed to its Safe Routes to Schools Program and related efforts that advance traffic safety for all roadway users in school zones.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in support.



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Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports SB 3242, Relating to Transportation

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki 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.

Hawai'i Bicycling League supports SB 3242, which requires departments or county agencies responsible for roads, highways, or similar infrastructure to evaluate high risk or dangerous corridors or intersections and plan strategies for mitigation and provides that an engineering study is not required to be considered if the Department of Transportation decreases maximum speed limits within one mile of a school.

Identifying and implementing solutions in these high risk or dangerous corridors is particular of interest to vulnerable users, people who walk, bike, and roll on our streets. Our State is committed to Vision Zero, where we see zero traffic fatalities or serious injuries, and this measure will help us work towards that goal.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. Please support SB 3242 and help create safer streets for all.

Ride Aloha,

Travis L. Counsell
Executive Director
Hawai'i Bicycling League

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SB-3242

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Testimony for WAM on 2/22/2024 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Speed limits are critical to saving lives. Please pass sb3242 to make it easier to reduce speed limits near schools.