

SB-95

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I know public testimony and comments don't muster any thought, but I OPPOSE

Safety checks don't prevent vehicle stalls or collisions. They are only a tax(fee) collecting tactic for the state/city, and fake probable cause for LEOs.

Can the people fine the state or city for safety violations of their "owned" and "maintained" property?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lillianna shirley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as the proposed cost is too high. I find it unfair that the first offense is \$100 and the following offenses double. Although having an updated safety is important, there are many other costs to account for, and having to worry about the new proposed costs for punishments is a burden that hard-working citizens should not take over.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sergio Rodriguez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill relating to vehicle safety. This is because the cost of maintaining a vehicle in Hawaii is already very high. This bill makes it more expensive for people to pay all these costs, especially in Hawaii. As well, small businesses that rent or sell any vehicles will have to pay more as the provider or raise the prices for customers.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Pitman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 95, which proposes increased fines for operating a vehicle or moped without a current inspection certificate. While vehicle safety is undoubtedly important, this bill disproportionately penalizes individuals who may already be struggling with financial hardship and fails to address the root causes of non-compliance with inspection requirements.

1. Financial Burden on Low-Income Individuals

Increasing fines for failing to obtain a certificate of inspection places an undue financial burden on individuals and families who may already be struggling with the cost of living in Hawai'i. The current cost of inspections and potential repair costs required to pass can be prohibitive for low-income residents. Penalizing them with higher fines only exacerbates financial difficulties rather than promoting compliance.

2. Lack of Consideration for Unforeseen Circumstances

There are numerous valid reasons why a driver may have an expired inspection certificate, including delays in scheduling an inspection, temporary financial hardship, or unforeseen vehicle issues. SB 95 does not account for these situations and instead implements a punitive measure that fails to consider real-world challenges vehicle owners face.

3. Better Alternatives for Compliance

Instead of imposing higher fines, the legislature should consider alternative measures to encourage compliance. Potential solutions include:

- Offering financial assistance or waiver programs for low-income residents who struggle to afford inspections.
- Implementing a grace period with warnings before imposing fines.
- Enhancing public awareness campaigns to educate vehicle owners about inspection requirements and deadlines.

4. Unfairly Target Moped Owners

The bill treats mopeds in the same manner as automobiles despite the significant difference in vehicle impact, usage, and maintenance costs. Many moped users rely on their vehicles as an affordable means of transportation and should not be disproportionately penalized for minor inspection lapses.

5. Negative Impact on Transportation Accessibility

For individuals who rely on their vehicles to commute to work, attend school, or transport their families, increased fines for an expired inspection certificate could lead to a cycle of hardship. Suppose fines make it more difficult for individuals to afford repairs or re-

inspection. In that case, they may be forced off the road entirely, limiting their ability to maintain employment or meet daily responsibilities.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote **against** SB 95. Rather than imposing excessive fines, I encourage the legislature to explore more effective and equitable solutions to enhance vehicle safety without unfairly burdening residents.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruth Love	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB95, however, as I drive back and forth on the east side of the Big Island I often note that there are expired inspections or expired tags.

Writing new laws is fine but means nothing without enforcement.

Thank you

Mrs Ruth Love

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Some of us have older model bikes and scooters. It is very difficult to find such parts to bring our bikes and scooters up to safety standards and regulations. Sometimes it takes from a week to a few months waiting for that part to come in and the parts themselves are expensive enough as we are living in Hawaii which is one the most expensive states along sided with California. Please stop trying to rob the lower and middle class population when their trying to get life together still and their only mode of transportation is being taxed on enough already.