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April 10, 2025
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 430 & Videoconference

S.C.R. 23

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIGHWAY PATROL AND SPEED CAMERAS
ALONG MAJOR FREEWAYS AND HIGHWAYS IN PRIMARY AREAS OF SPEEDING**

House Committee on Transportation

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports S.C.R. 23**, which requests the HDOT and Department of Law enforcement (DLE) to study the possibility of a highway patrol and speed cameras along major freeways and highways in primary areas of speeding.

The HDOT will work with the DLE to determine whether or not a highway patrol and speed cameras along major freeways and highways are possible. Studies have shown that high visibility enforcement does have an impact in reducing undesirable driver behavior. Hawaii's own automated enforcement cameras have shown major reductions in red light violations and believes that the automated speed enforcement will have a similar impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SCR-23

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 12:56:00 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/10/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Val Valdez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Build a racetrack this is clown work.

SCR-23

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 2:44:45 PM

Testimony for TRN on 4/10/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Schultz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this initiative. You cannot prove, without a doubt, that the person violating the speed laws is in fact the registered owner of the vehicle involved.



Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

Committee on Transportation

04/10/2025 10:00AM
CR 430 & Videoconference

SCR23

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Dear Chair Kila, Vice Chair Nakada Grandinetti, and Committee Members,

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **supports SCR23** requesting the Department of Transportation and Department of Law Enforcement to study the possibility of a highway patrol and installation of speed cameras along major freeways and highways in primary areas of speeding, including the impact it would have on the district courts.

This resolution would help us achieve our goal of reducing traffic related deaths and serious injuries to zero by 2045. Traffic fatalities increased ten percent between 2023 and 2024 in Hawaii. In 2024, the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation conducted an annual behavioral study, and nearly one-quarter of respondents admitted to exceeding the speed limit by more than 20 miles per hour, and over half exceeded the speed limit by 10-20 miles per hour in the last six months.

The OahuMPO is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the island of Oahu responsible for carrying out a multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a long-range (25-year horizon) metropolitan transportation plan, referred to as the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), which encourages and promotes a safe, efficient, and resilient transportation system that serves the mobility needs of all people and freight (including walkways, bicycles, and transit), fosters economic growth and development, while minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution ([23 CFR 450.300](#)).

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

TO: Members of the Committee on Transportation

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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HEARING: 10 a.m. Thursday, April 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution SCR23, Highway Patrol and Speed Cameras - **OPPOSED**

Aloha Chair Kila and Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Resolution SCR23, which asks the Departments of Transportation and Law Enforcement to study the possibility of a highway patrol and speed cameras along major freeways and highways in primary areas of speeding.

A state patrol would be redundant, as we already have county police departments. If more enforcement is needed, consider providing additional funds to the counties with the stipulation it be used for traffic enforcement.

And please, no more government-controlled cameras watching members of the public.

Please vote “no” on SCR23.

SCR-23

Submitted on: 4/10/2025 2:49:57 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/10/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ari Yonemura	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

I'm currently submitting this testimony as a concerned citizen opposed to SCR23.

Reasons why members of the community should be opposed to SCR23

- Tax payer money would be better spent on more red light cameras catching dangous red light runners at intersections. redlight runners are a way more dangerous and a bigger concern to pedestrians crossing as well as other drivers.

-Traffic lights arent programed correctly. As a motorcyclist ive been a victim to road rage because MOST traffic lights arent programed properly to sence motorcycle or mopeds so the light does NOT turn green, forcing motorcyclist to run redlights. Multiple people have shown anger towards me because the traffic lights cant sense motorcyclist so the traffic light never turns green even after multiple light rotations. Tax payer money should go into fixxing the traffic light sensors.

- Hawaii is ranked top 5 in the United states for worst road conditions.

SCR-23

Submitted on: 4/10/2025 3:56:52 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/10/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kysen Alonzo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

‘A‘ole. All this money being wasted. Instead of fining the people, the state should be using our funds for the good of the people. What maybe build one track for all these guys like Speedometer and race so they no have to do it illegally. Stop thinking with your pockets. Humbug the government of the fake state.