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HB1166, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS PROGRAM.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly supports HB 1166, HD 1, SD 1, which appropriates \$5,000,000 from the State Highway Fund to the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund for fiscal year 2025-2026. This funding is critical to advancing the state's efforts to reduce speed-related motor vehicle fatalities and injuries, aligning directly with the goals of Act 112, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, which established this specialized program.

Speeding continues to be a significant contributing factor to traffic fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways. According to our preliminary 2024 state data, 42 percent of Hawaii's traffic fatalities were speed-related. The implementation and maintenance of automated speed enforcement systems represent a proven and effective strategy to encourage responsible driving behaviors and mitigate dangerous speeding patterns.

The bill ensures the continuity and sustainability of this important initiative with provisions allowing unexpended appropriations to remain available for use beyond the fiscal year, supporting long-term planning and program stability. By funding this essential safety measure, the state reaffirms its commitment to improving road safety for all users and reducing preventable tragedies on our highways.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael A. Cobb Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Stop the money grab in the disguise of a traffic safety program.