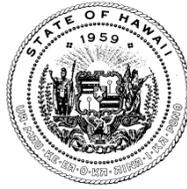


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**HB1915
RELATING TO INJURIOUS MATERIALS**

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is in support of House Bill 1915, which prohibits placing, dropping, or leaving injurious materials on highways, lanes, roads, streets, and alleys on the island of Oahu.

This bill addresses a critical safety concern for all road users, including motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. The placement of injurious materials such as nails, screws, and glass on public roadways poses significant risks of accidents, injuries, and property damage. By establishing clear prohibitions and penalties for such actions, this legislation will enhance road safety and protect the integrity of our transportation infrastructure.

The DOT recognizes the importance of maintaining safe and hazard-free roadways for all users. The proposed penalties, which escalate based on prior convictions and intent, provide an appropriate deterrent against such dangerous behavior. This graduated approach to enforcement aligns with our department's commitment to promoting responsible road use while addressing repeat offenders more severely.

Furthermore, this bill will support our ongoing efforts to reduce road maintenance costs and improve the longevity of our highway systems. Injurious materials left on roadways can cause damage to vehicle tires and potentially lead to accidents, which in turn may damage road surfaces and safety features. By deterring such actions, we can better allocate our resources towards planned maintenance and improvement projects.

The DOT believes that House Bill 1915 will significantly contribute to the overall safety and efficiency of our transportation network on Oahu. We are committed to working with law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders to ensure effective implementation of these provisions if the bill is passed.

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

HB-1915

Submitted on: 2/11/2026 1:19:39 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2026 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Palehua Townhouse Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our association supports HB1915. Many of our residents had to have their tires repaired or replaced due to nails/screws thrown on the road. When I took our vehicle to Goodyear to have the tire repaired (it had to be replaced due to the location of the screw), the person writing up the work order showed me a jar full of screws that had been removed from tires.

Those individuals can cause more serious injuries than just to the tires, and they should face harsher consequences.

Please pass HB1915.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., President, Palehua Townhouse Association

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Submitted on: 2/10/2026 7:31:29 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2026 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Comment will the violator STOP? A few ago in November, a AC unit was on the H-1 causing my front end with serious damages. The violator did not stop to pick up the unit.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2026 10:47:53 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2026 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Josh Fowler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT

HB1915 – Relating to Injurious Materials

Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Josh Fowler, and I am writing in strong support of HB1915.

This bill addresses a serious public safety concern: individuals intentionally placing nails, screws, glass, and other injurious materials on public roadways. That conduct damages vehicles, creates blowout risks, and endangers drivers, passengers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

HB1915 makes it unlawful to intentionally or knowingly place injurious materials on highways, roads, streets, lanes, and alleys. It also requires individuals who drop destructive materials to remove them and requires authorized vehicle removal operators to clear debris from wrecked vehicles. These are reasonable, common-sense standards that promote roadway safety.

The bill establishes a structured penalty framework that escalates based on severity and prior conduct. It distinguishes between first-time violations, repeat offenses, and conduct done with intent to cause harm. That graduated approach is appropriate and reflects the seriousness of intentionally creating roadway hazards.

Roadways are shared public infrastructure. Intentionally sabotaging them puts lives at risk. HB1915 reinforces accountability and sends a clear message that this behavior will not be tolerated.

I respectfully urge the Committee to pass HB1915.

Sincerely,
Josh Fowler
Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707

HB-1915

Submitted on: 2/11/2026 1:38:10 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2026 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jimmy Lew	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair and Members,

I strongly support HB1915. Increasing penalties for intentionally throwing sharp objects onto roadways is necessary to protect public safety.

According to HPD Case #25044404-001, on February 3, 2025, Mr. George Sado was arrested with 197 screws found in his truck and on the roadway. For approximately three to four years, he repeatedly threw screws and nails onto public roads, putting drivers and families at risk.

On October 25, 2025, he pleaded guilty and received 75 hours of community service and a \$1,000 fine — a sentence that does not reflect the serious danger created.

Even conservatively, this conduct could have resulted in tens of thousands of damaged tires and posed real risks of accidents, injuries, or loss of life. HB1915 would strengthen deterrence and better protect our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Lew

HB-1915

Submitted on: 2/11/2026 2:55:29 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2026 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terry Welch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1915 which includes:

Injurious materials; prohibitions. (a) No person shall intentionally or knowingly place or drop upon any part of a highway, lane, road, street, or alley any tack, bottle, wire, glass, nail, screw, or other article that may damage or injure any person, vehicle, or animal traveling along or upon the highway, lane, road, street, or alley, unless the person is authorized to do so by an appropriate governmental agency.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit placing, dropping, or leaving injurious materials on highways, lanes, roads, streets, and alleys.

HB-1915

Submitted on: 2/11/2026 7:00:13 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2026 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

I fully support House Bill 1915.

It is so sad that we need this bill but the malicious actions of several individuals we definitively need this bill.

Please pass HB 1915.

Mahalo,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
Makakilo Resident