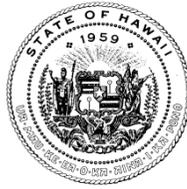


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Monday, March 2, 2026
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, 308

**HB2023, HD2
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports H.B. 2023, H.D.2, which establishes a statewide framework for the certification and court-ordered installation of active intelligent speed assistance (AISA) systems for repeat excessive speeding and racing offenders.

According to data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), speeding continues to be a leading contributing factor in Hawai'i's traffic fatalities. In recent years, approximately one-third of all traffic fatalities in the State have involved speeding-related factors. These crashes disproportionately result in severe injuries and loss of life, underscoring the need for targeted interventions focused on high-risk drivers.

H.D.2 appropriately adopts a court-ordered model that allows judges to require installation of active intelligent speed assistance systems during suspension or revocation periods, and in certain cases beyond those periods. This approach targets repeat dangerous drivers rather than imposing requirements on all motorists.

The measure also authorizes DOT to administer a certification and monitoring program, establishes vendor oversight and system standards, creates penalties for tampering or circumvention, and clarifies liability protections. Together, these provisions provide a structured and enforceable framework to reduce excessive speeding and improve roadway safety.

For these reasons, DOT supports H.B. 2023, H.D.2.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 2, 2026

The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
The Honorable Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Finance
State Capitol, Conference Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

SUBJECT: H.B. No. 2023, H.D. 2 - Relating To Transportation
HEARING: Monday, March 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD) offers **comments** on H.B. No. 2023, H.D. 2. Pursuant to Section 6-402 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, CSD Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) administers the motor vehicle driver licensing program for the island of O'ahu.

The bill authorizes the Judiciary to require installation of active intelligent speed assistance systems as part of certain suspensions and revocations and to issue permits allowing limited driving upon proof of installation and insurance. While vendor certification is assigned at the state level, counties will be responsible for implementing the license status changes, coding restrictions, processing compliance documentation, and ensuring accurate reflection of these actions within statewide driver record systems.

Implementation will require information technology updates, new suspension and restriction codes, system modifications, revised administrative procedures, staff training, and updated public guidance. Coordination between the Judiciary, Department of Transportation, and county DMVs will be essential to ensure consistent statewide application.

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Given these significant operational considerations, we respectfully request that the Legislature provide clear guidance on funding, resources, and the necessary time available for implementation. CSD DMV urges the Legislature to consider the impact on county operations and, should this measure move forward, requests a phased approach to implementation that allows a reasonable and adequate amount of time for the counties to research and assess implementation requirements, staffing, funding requirements, information technology and other resource impacts, necessary updated administrative procedures, staff training, and good public outreach.

With these considerations in mind, CSD appreciates the opportunity to comment on H.B. No. 2023, H.D. 2.

Sincerely,

for Kimberly M. Hashiro
Director



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A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: March 2, 2026

TO: Representative Chris Todd
Chair, Committee on Finance

FROM: Tiffany Yajima

RE: **H.B. 2023, HD 2 - Relating to Transportation**
Hearing Date: Monday, March 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room: 308

Dear Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (“Auto Innovators”) we submit this testimony in **support** of H.B. 2023, HD 2, Relating to Transportation.

The Alliance for Automotive Innovation represents the full auto industry, a sector supporting 10 million American jobs and five percent of the economy. From the manufacturers producing most vehicles sold in the U.S. to autonomous vehicle innovators to equipment suppliers, battery producers and semiconductor makers – the association is committed to a cleaner, safer and smarter personal transportation future.

This measure establishes a framework for the use of active intelligent speed assistance technology. The H.D.2 of this measure allows courts to designate certain drivers as habitual speeders and to allow courts to require active Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) in the vehicles of those who repeatedly engage in dangerous speeding behavior. Speeding is one of the most persistent and preventable causes of serious crashes, injuries, and fatalities on our roads. Auto Innovators supports efforts like this to reduce dangerous driving behavior.

Auto Innovators also appreciates and supports the amendments made in the prior committees to establish clear expectations for automobile manufacturers and with these amendments supports this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



March 2, 2026

Hawai'i State Legislature
House Committee on Finance

Re: Testimony Commenting on HB 2023, HD2 Relating to Transportation

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Automobile Dealers Association (HADA), we are writing with comments on HB 2023, HD2 relating to transportation. Beginning with the 2030 model year, this bill, among other provisions, requires the Department of Transportation to administer a statewide program for certification of active intelligent speed assistance systems and select a vendor for the installation and maintenance of systems. It limits the civil liability of motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and retailers for active intelligent speed assistance systems.

We appreciate the significant revisions that have been made to this bill, including the liability protections included in the House Draft 2, and support their inclusion should this bill move forward.

We have always wanted to ensure that any governmental program or requirement for the installation of after-market devices not unintentionally impact the availability and variety of vehicles in the Hawai'i market. HADA believes it is important to carefully evaluate these potential impacts to ensure that well-intentioned safety goals do not create unintended burdens for Hawai'i consumers.

We continue to wish to proactively engage in dialog with policy leaders and hope to serve as a resource for legislators during the session and beyond.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer comments.

The Hawai'i Automobile Dealers Association is the voice of 71 new car dealerships across the islands, accounting for over 4,000 direct jobs, \$6 billion total sales and more than \$250 million in general excise taxes paid.



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February 28, 2026

TO: Rep. Chris Todd, Chair
Rep. Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
and House Members of the Committee on Finance

FR: Debra Coffey, Chief Government Affairs Emeritus
Smart Start LLC, Hawaii Corporate Office

RE: HB 2023 HD2, Relating to Transportation and the use of active intelligent speed assistance
technology – Support

I am Debra Coffey, Chief Government Affairs Emeritus for Smart Start LLC, Hawaii Corporate Office. Smart Start has been the vendor contracted by the Hawaii Department of Transportation to install and service alcohol ignition interlocks in Hawaii since 2011. Smart Start will also be offering distribution of active Intelligent speed devices. ***I am offering written testimony in strong support of HB 2023 HD.2***

Speeding causes roughly one-third of our nation's traffic fatalities, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Program participants will be allowed to obtain a restricted license with ISA program participation. This is especially important because about 75 percent of people continue to drive on a suspended license (Source: AAMVA).

ISA technology has been used for more than 30 years on commercial fleets and is emerging as an innovative countermeasure for Super Speeders. As noted in the January 2026 National Conference of State Legislators Legisbrief, the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Washington state have passed similar laws and nearly 20 states are expected to consider ISA for Super Speeders legislation this year.

ISA uses location-based technology to recognize speed limits and prevent the vehicle from operating beyond a pre-set limit as determined by the state. Once that speed limit is reached, the pedal becomes unresponsive and will not allow the vehicle to accelerate further. A temporary speed allowance button can be used, if needed, for a pre-programmed distance and time for safety-related acceleration.

Active ISA technology enables individuals to seamlessly integrate back into their daily routines, facilitating their commute to work, school, and home. It also enhances road safety while providing feedback to the driver to promote safer driving habits.

Speed – A Major Factor in Traffic Deaths

- In 2023, 11,775 deaths — 29% of all traffic fatalities — occurred in speed-related crashes. ([NHTSA](#)).
- Speeding remains a hazard on Hawaii roads. In Hawaii, between 2018 to 2022, speeding accounted for at least 40% of all traffic related fatalities.
- Over 115,000 speeding related enforcement contacts were made statewide between 2019 and 2023.
- A 2023, Hawaii Attitudes and Behaviors Survey, asked participants how often they traveled over the speed limit. 46% responded 10 – 20 mph above the speed limit. 21% responded more than 20 mph above the speed limit. (Source: Hawaii DOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan).
- Speed-related crashes caused \$46.4 billion in economic costs and \$225 billion in comprehensive costs in 2019. Updated for inflation alone, in 2025, the economic costs would be \$58.56 billion and comprehensive costs would be nearly \$284 billion. (Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety 2025 [Roadmap](#))
- High speeds increase crash likelihood. Drivers have less time to react and require a longer distance to stop. Modest increases in speed = large increases in crash energy. ([Families for Safer Streets](#))



We support this measure and believe it represents an important step toward keeping Hawaii's roads safe. Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for this important bill.



**Testimony of Amy Cohen
Founder & President, Families for Safe Streets
In Support of HB2023 HD2 – Active Intelligent Speed Assistance**

I am Amy Cohen, Founder and President of Families for Safe Streets, a national organization made up of people who have lost loved ones or suffered serious injuries on our roads. My 12-year-old son was killed in a crash right in front of our home—a loss no parent should ever have to endure. Every day, our organization works to prevent future tragedies and to support those who have been personally impacted. I am here today to express our strong support for HB2023, particularly its provisions for Active Intelligent Speed Assistance (Active ISA).

What Active ISA Does

Active ISA is a proven safety technology that prevents vehicles from exceeding the speed limit and can be added to any vehicle as an aftermarket device. It is designed for drivers who have repeatedly broken speeding laws or committed an extreme speeding violation. Once installed, the device actively limits the car's accelerator, ensuring the driver cannot exceed the speed limit by more than a small, legally defined margin. Unlike passive systems that only alert drivers, Active ISA enforces compliance, keeping drivers and everyone on the road safer.

This technology has been successfully used in both private and public vehicle fleets for decades and has a proven track record in preventing speeding. Even drivers who might continue to drive despite a suspended license or inactive registration can do so safely with Active ISA.

Why Active ISA Saves Lives

Speeding is a leading factor in traffic fatalities and dramatically increases both the likelihood and severity of crashes. Active ISA addresses this by removing the ability of high-risk drivers to exceed speed limits while still allowing them to travel when necessary. Unlike license suspensions, which are often ignored out of necessity, active ISA keeps everyone on the road safer.

National Context

Virginia, Washington State, and Washington, D.C. have already enacted “Stop Super Speeder” laws. Across the country, fifteen states have introduced legislation this session targeting “super speeders” that mandate active ISA, and several others are actively considering it.

Hawai'i has the opportunity to be a national leader in traffic safety by adopting a Stop Super Speeders bill this session, advancing our shared commitment to Vision Zero—eliminating deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

Support and Implementation

Families for Safe Streets is leading the effort to pass Stop Super Speeders bills nationally with support from a range of national organizations, including the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, MADD, Responsibility.org, America Walks, and the Vision Zero Network. The National Traffic Safety Board has also come out in support of this effort.

For more information, including our detailed white paper and model legislation from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), of which Hawaii DOT is a member, please visit: <https://www.familiesforsafestreeets.org/stop-super-speeders>.

Conclusion

Families for Safe Streets strongly supports HB2023 D2 as a proven, effective, and compassionate approach to prevent future tragedies. By passing this bill, Hawai'i can save lives, prevent injuries, and honor those we have lost.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

March 2, 2026

Rep. Chris Todd, Chair
Rep. Jenna Takenouche Vice-Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

Re: HB 2023_HD2 Relating to Intelligent Speed Assistance Systems

AAA Hawai'i is pleased to support House Bill 2023_HD2. This measure establishes a statewide Active Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) program and requires installation of an active ISA device for individuals convicted of excessive speeding, with courts authorized to extend the requirement beyond the license suspension period. HB 2023_HD2 also ensures liability is appropriately assigned to responsible parties.

AAA supports ISA technology as part of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) to improve roadway safety. We support the use of aftermarket active ISA systems. These devices prevent speed violations by limiting engine power rather than engaging the brakes, and can be fully integrated into the vehicle.

Demonstrated Technology

ISA technology has been in use for more than two decades, including in commercial fleets, with more than one million installations worldwide. Transport for London plans to fully implement ISA across its bus fleet by 2032. Prior to rollout, London buses exceeded posted 20 mph speed limits 15%–19% of the time; after ISA installation, that figure declined to just 1%–3% according to the European Transport Safety Council.

Similarly, New York City launched a pilot program in 2022 equipping 300 municipal vehicles, including 50 school buses, with ISA devices. Those vehicles traveled more than one million miles, with 99% adherence to posted speed limits. The city also reported a 37% reduction in hard braking events, indicating safer driving behavior. New York State is now considering ISA requirements for “super speeders.”

ISA devices are relatively simple to install. They use GPS technology to recognize posted speed limits and prevent a vehicle from exceeding a pre-set maximum speed. When that limit is reached, the accelerator becomes unresponsive. An emergency override function allows temporary acceleration, if needed, for safety purposes.

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Speed — A Major Factor in Traffic Deaths

Speed remains one of the leading contributors to roadway fatalities. According to the Institute for Highway Safety, field assessments over the past 25 years have consistently shown reductions in speeding when ISA technology is used. Nationally, nearly 12,000 deaths — 28% of all crash fatalities — occurred in speed-related crashes in 2023. In Hawai'i, speed was a contributing factor in 58% of traffic deaths in 2023 according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Higher speeds increase both crash likelihood and crash severity. Drivers have less time to react, stopping distances are longer, and even small increases in speed dramatically increase crash energy. Driver behavior data reinforces this concern. In a 2022 national survey conducted by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, 49% of drivers reported exceeding the speed limit by 15 mph on a freeway in the past month, and 35% reported exceeding the speed limit by 10 mph on a residential street.

A Safer Alternative to License Suspension

Traditionally, repeat speeders or reckless drivers face license suspension. For many individuals, losing a license can lead to job loss and significant family hardship. Yet research from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators indicates a substantial majority of suspended drivers continue to drive.

ISA provides a safer alternative. Rather than removing driving privileges entirely, ISA allows individuals to continue driving legally while preventing excessive speeding. This approach promotes compliance, protects public safety, and supports economic stability.

In 2024, the District of Columbia became the first jurisdiction in the nation to require ISA for repeat speeding offenders who would otherwise have faced full license suspension. Virginia, Georgia, and Washington State have since enacted similar measures, and several other states are considering comparable policies along with Hawai'i.

For these reasons, AAA Hawai'i respectfully urges your support and a YES vote on HB 2023_HD2.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marianne Kim
Senior Public Policy Specialist

HB-2023-HD-2

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 12:35:36 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This is another way to tax people and interfere with their personal property. Enforcing current laws will work better.

HB-2023-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 10:56:41 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad K Taniguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill that uses a technology device (Active Intelligent Speed Assistance) to control the accelerator of a chronic super speeder's car so the car cannot exceed the speed limit.

This bill will not affect most drivers who follow our laws. Even when chronic super speeders have their licenses or registrations suspended, they still drive and cause harm.

This technology works. Let's use it to save lives.

Amendments by AutoInnovators and the Public Defender have made the bill better.

Active Intelligent speed assistance (like breathalyzer IID ignition interlock devices) proactively prevent proven dangerous road users from speeding once they have proved incapable of controlling themselves and following the laws.

Active Intelligent Speed Assistance devices installed in the cars of "super speeders" who have broken speeding laws multiple times or perhaps once outrageously will prevent the car accelerator from exceeding the speed limit by more than a certain percent.

Virginia, Washington state, and Washington DC have already passed "stop super speeder" laws and more states are in the process.

The technology has been used in many private and public vehicle fleets for decades and has proven effective.

Excellent information is available at Families for Safe Streets website. Families for Safe Streets is a nonprofit organization of survivors whose family members have been killed in the roads. They want to prevent future tragedy.

HB-2023-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 8:34:34 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daphne L. Manago	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha! My name is Daphne Manago and I'm a member of the Hawaii Bicycling League and Families for Safe Streets. I strongly support HB2023 HD2 relating to the Stop Super Speeders (Active Intelligent Speed Assistance) device. As a concerned community member who witnesses dangerous speeding on our roads far too often, I would like to see this program implemented. Lives are being lost because of reckless and excessive speeding-tragedies that are preventable. Every day families are put at risk by drivers who repeatedly ignore traffic laws and endanger our communities. The status quo is not working. Active Intellegent Speed Assistance is a targeted accountable solution aimed specifically at those who continue to break the law. This bill is about prevention and saving lives. We cannot afford to delay meaningful action while more lives are at stake. I respectfully urge you to pass SB2023HD2. Mahalo for your consideration.