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The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair  
The Honorable Kim Coco Iwamoto, Vice Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Public Safety  
State Capitol, Conference Room 411  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Iwamoto, and Members of the House Committee on Public Safety:

SUBJECT: H.B. No. 2566 - Relating To Special License Plates  
HEARING: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD) **opposes** H.B. No. 2566 and appreciates the opportunity to offer comments for your committee's consideration. 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 registration program for the island of O'ahu. While CSD appreciates the intent of the proposed legislation, we have concerns regarding the operational and financial impacts the proposed legislation.

Numerous private organizations have attempted to amend existing law to enable special number plates with full-plate designs to raise revenue for their causes. The county agencies responsible for issuing license plates bear significant contracting, operational and financial burdens to produce new license plates each time a new license plate law is adopted. In addition, creating a full-plate design requires acquiring non-standard specialized license plates, which can cause complications with procurement and cost.

However, section 249-9.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, allows private organizations to apply for and have license plate designs based on decals added to standard license

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plates limited to four inches wide by four inches high, which can raise revenue for their causes, without having to change the law, or add burden to the counties.

For these reasons, the Department **opposes** H.B. No. 2566 and urges the committee to carefully consider the fiscal, operational, and policy impacts of this proposal.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. No. 2566.

Sincerely,

*for* Kimberly M. Hashiro  
Director

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

2566 HB RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.