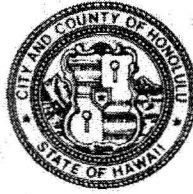


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January 22, 2008

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Chair, Transportation Committee
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Members:

The Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu supports the passage of House Bill 2058 Relating to Fines for Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicant.

The maintenance and repair of roadways is a top priority of the Department to protect the safety of Oahu's drivers, operators, and passengers. Use of collected fines from DUI convictions for road repair and maintenance will accelerate the rate of road improvements for our entire community.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in favor of House Bill 2058.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig I. Nishimura".

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January 22, 2008

TO: Representative Joseph M. Souki
Chair, Committee on Transportation
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309

FROM: Christopher G. Pablo, Esq.

H.B 2058 - Relating to Fines For Driving Under The Influence Of
An Intoxicant
Hearing Date: Wednesday, January, 23, 2008, 8:30 am

Dear Chair Souki and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

I am Chris Pablo, appearing on behalf of the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States (“DSCUS”). DSCUS is a national trade association representing producers and marketers of distilled spirits sold in the United States. Through the efforts of the Century Council, a not-for-profit organization funded solely by America’s leading distillers, the distilled spirits industry develops innovative programs used by communities nationwide to combat drunk driving and illegal, underage drinking.

DSCUS supports HB 2058, which increases fines for driving after license suspension or denied for noncompliance with an order of support. This bill also increases the fine for first time DUI offenders. It is our hope that by increasing the penalties for these offenses, it will deter driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

DSCUS supports the provisions set forth in HB 2058, which contain effective and enforceable penalties and respectfully asks for your favorable consideration of this measure.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to share our thoughts on
HB 2058.



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January 23, 2008

To: Representative Joseph Souki, , Chair, House Committee on Transportation;
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair; and members of the Committee

From: Arkie Koehl, Chairman – Public Policy Committee, MADD-Hawaii

Re: House Bill 2058 – Relating to fines for driving under the influence of an
intoxicant.

I am Arkie Koehl testifying on behalf of the membership of MADD-Hawaii regarding HB 2058. MADD would like to offer the following comments on this measure:

1. **Amount of fines.** Although fines for the crime of OVUII are low in Hawaii compared to a number of other states, MADD is sensitive to concerns that resistance to high fines on the part of offenders and their defense attorneys may result in fewer guilty or no contest pleas and more trials... and judicial logjams. We urge the Committee to seek advice on any proposed fine increases from the courts and prosecutors.
2. **Ignition Interlock.** MADD feels there may be hesitation on the part of the Legislature to impose both ignition interlock with its probable monthly fees *and* higher fines on an OVUII offender.. If so, we believe ignition interlock is the more effective measure for saving lives.
3. **Purpose of fines collected.** If the fines collected were to be committed to the counties where the violations occurred “for use in a comprehensive impaired driving prevention program,” as called for by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Hawai’i would increase its chances of receiving significant federal highway safety grants under NHTSA’s Section 410. This would mean redirecting the destination of the fines from that stated in the bill (“to be used only for design, construction, maintenance and repair of roads in that county”). We suggest consultation with the Department of Transportation’s Office of Highway Safety in this regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.