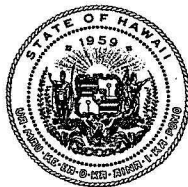


LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR



BRENNON T. MORIOKA
INTERIM DIRECTOR

Deputy Directors
MICHAEL D. FORMBY
FRANCIS PAUL KEENO
BRIAN H. SEKIGUCHI

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 21, 2008

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HOUSE BILL NO. 3249 HD1, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

We support this bill.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports efforts to improve bicycle safety. This bill will reduce conflicts between motor vehicles, mopeds, and bicyclists.

000129

JUDtestimony

From: KalanaB@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 3:51 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: ureonnow@lava.net; prentissc001@hawaii.rr.com; ginienos@aloha.net; Rehagstrom@aol.com; aloha.susan@hawaiiantel.net; morrisw003@hawaii.rr.com; hoppys@hawaii.rr.com; msmith@cbcpacific.com; duckpond@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: SUPPORT HB 3249 (Thursday, February 21, 2008, at 2:45 p.m.)

Aloha members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I write in support of HB 3249--toughening penalties for parking in bike lanes--which you are scheduled to take up on Thursday, February 21, 2008, at 2:45 p.m.

As a long-time resident of Lanikai (Kailua, Oahu), I can attest to the frequent violations that occur hourly in the two-mile-long bike lane of this beach side community. We need real and sustained relief from the many vehicles which habitually park in the bike lane. *They are a serious endangerment to the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists alike.*

Time and time again, I have seen children biking to Lanikai Elementary, mothers pushing babies in carriages, senior citizens, pet-owners, and joggers *forced into traffic* because of vehicles completely in the bike lane. Not only are these passenger cars, but large tour buses and stretch limos as well. A few pictures appear below. They were snapped at random while driving in and out of Lanikai late last year and in the New Year.

By imposing fines of up to \$500 for parking violation, HB 3249 would serve as a strong deterrent to drivers. They would have to think twice about parking for even short periods of less than half an hour, which is a common occurrence and often used as an excuse ("I'm only going to be a few minutes," is an excuse heard frequently).

I urge you to vote FOR HB 3249 this afternoon.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration,
Kalana Best
P.O. Box 1686
Kailua, Hawaii 96734
261-6919

Ali'i (lifetime) member, The Lanikai Association
Member, Kailua Neighborhood Board, sub-district 1 (Lanikai to Kaimalino)
Note: I am writing in my individual capacity.

000130



January 11, 2008: Tour bus parked in Mokulua Drive bike lane at Kawailoa ROW



January 11, 2008 (view 2): Tour bus parked in Mokulua Drive bike lane at Kawailoa ROW (note: bike lane stripe not visible because of sand on street)

C00131

JUDtestimony

From: KalanaB@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 3:51 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: ureonnow@lava.net; prentissc001@hawaii.rr.com; ginienos@aloha.net; Rehagstrom@aol.com; aloha.susan@hawaiiantel.net; morrisw003@hawaii.rr.com; hoppys@hawaii.rr.com; msmith@cbcpacific.com; duckpond@hawaii.rr.com

Subject: SUPPORT HB 3249 (Thursday, February 21, 2008, at 2:45 p.m.)



January 11th: Pedestrian car parked in bike lane at 1010 Mokulua near Kaiolena ROW (note: white markings are not the bike-lane demarcations; bike lane stripe is missing after BWS work)

000132



January 11, 2008: Two vehicles parked end-to-end in 800 block of Mokulua Drive (note: the bike lane stripe is barely visible further on ahead but absent in foreground; white marks are apparently left from BWS work)



Mokulua Drive (November 19, 2007). Note second van in foreground.

000133



Two cars parked in bike lane of Mokulua Drive near entrance to Lanikai on November 29, 2007, shortly before noon.



Two vehicles (and passengers) parked in Mokulua bike lane in 1000 block on November 25, 2007

000134



Aug. 13, 2007: stretch limo parked on bike lane of Mokulua Drive



September 23, 2007: Bicyclists riding in path of traffic because of stretch limo parked in bike lane of Mokulua Drive

000135

ERROR: ioerror
OFFENDING COMMAND: image

STACK:

-dictionary-

000136

JUDtestimony

From: Susan Cummings [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 3:36 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Testimony

Aloha Tommy,

I have lived in Lanikai on Kaiolena Drive for the past nine years. This street is has become major thoroughfare from Aalapapa Dr. to Mokulua Dr. where there is a beach access. Almost every weekend when I drive out of Lanikai there are cars parked in the bike lane and I call 911 for an officer to come out and do traffic control. Hopefully, the \$500 fine you are introducing will be enacted and Lanikai will have a permanent deterrent and Mokulua Drive will become a much safer street for all residents and visitors alike. The bike lane is actually the only way anyone in Lanikai can safely walk, ride a bike, skateboard, etc.

A greater help would be to ban all parking on the side of the street where there is a bike lane. As it is, the cars on that side of Mokulua are actually illegally parking on the unimproved sidewalk area and many are encroaching into the bike lane. This is a law that is never enforced.

Mahalo and aloha,

Susan Cummings

[REDACTED]
Kailua, Hawaii 96734
[REDACTED]

000137

JUDtestimony

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 2:55 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Testimony

I would like to strongly support **HB3249** which addresses prohibition of parking of motor vehicles on bikeways and assesses up to \$500 fine per violation. I am constantly aware of this chronic traffic violation issue in Lanikai, On any given day, there are multiple obstructions along the length of Mokulua Drive in Lanikai. These are caused by tour buses, rental cars, limos, and also just people in a hurry to get to paddling practice. This is an issue particularly with children going to and from school having to go out into the path of motorists in order to get around the parked vehicles. Mothers with babies in strollers also have a difficult time getting around the parked cars. I am hopeful a hefty fine will serve as a deterrent to this dangerous practice. I would hope that you would push it through your Committee and that it has similar support in the Senate.

with aloha,
JoDee Hunt
[REDACTED], Kailua, HI 96734

Ideas to please picky eaters. Watch video on AOL Living.
(<http://living.aol.com/video/how-to-please-your-picky-eater/rachel-campos-duffy/2050827?NCID=aolcmp00300000002598>)

000138