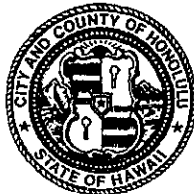


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February 11, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs English and Taniguchi and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 3234, Relating to Highway Safety

I am Captain Evan Ching of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 3234, relating to highway safety. This bill introduces the ignition interlock to be installed in vehicles of drivers convicted of driving under the influence of an intoxicant.


The HPD believes that the interlock device will prevent drinkers from driving and thus reduce the risks of deaths or injuries. It addresses most of the issues that will make this bill a success. The implementation date will give the necessary time for the agencies involved to complete their rules and procedures for a better implementation.

The HPD urges your committee to pass Senate Bill No. 3234, as it will help the drinking driver to remain off of the roadways and reduce the risks to other drivers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

APPROVED:


EVAN CHING, Captain
Traffic Division


for: BOISSE P. CORREA
Chief of Police



February 3, 2008

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

RE: SB3234, Relating to Highway Safety

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

Miller Brewing Company has long supported responsible drinking and supports your proposal embodied in this bill to require a vehicle ignition interlock system

This system should not be viewed as a "cure bill" as it should be part of an overall rehabilitation effort designed by professionals. This tool should be used by the judicial system for repeat offenders and for those even the first time offenders with an alcohol content .15 or higher. The court should have the discretion to have it as a tool for those even between .08 and .14.

We support this bill as another step in the right direction to fight drunk driving.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lance Hastings
Western Regional Director
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