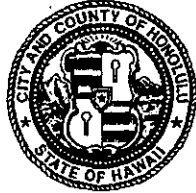


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February 11, 2008

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

Dear Chair English and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 3248, Relating to Motor Vehicles

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

The HPD opposes Senate Bill No. 3248, relating to motor vehicles. This bill will allow for motor vehicle backup warning beepers to be disabled if the vehicle is equipped with a rear view camera system or if a watchperson is on duty to the rear of the vehicle.

The HPD is opposed to having the backup warning beepers disabled during all hours of the day or night. This is a safety measure to prevent incidents that will cause injury to others walking to the rear of the vehicle. Having a rearview camera system is not sufficient for the driver to detect any pedestrians walking to the rear of the vehicle while reversing.

The HPD recommends that the disabling only be disabled between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and that there is another person, other than the driver of the vehicle, to watch for pedestrians or vehicles in the rear while reversing. We would prefer the contents of Senate Bill No. 20 (2007) to address the problem of noise and safety.

The HPD urges your committee not to pass Senate Bill No. 3248, as it will be a safety hazard to pedestrians or vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

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for: BOISSE P. CORREA  
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Evan Ching in black ink.

EVAN CHING, Captain  
Traffic Division



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c/o NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION • CITY HALL, ROOM 400 • HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 11, 2008

The Honorable Senator Kalani English  
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Aloha Senator English and Members of the Committee

The Waikiki Neighborhood Board Strongly Supports SB3248.

The Waikiki Neighborhood Board listens to and addresses many concerns raised by the residents of Waikiki every month. High on our list is residents that complain about early morning deliveries, trash pick up, sirens and loud people. There are some things that come with being a Waikiki Resident and Visitor, we could never ask the HPD or HFD not to use sirens on the way to a crime scene or fire but if our vendors could use an alternative to back up beepers during the 10:00PM to 6:00AM time frame it would ease the noise situation.

One of the beauties of living in Waikiki is the ability to turn off the air conditioners and use the Trade Winds to cool our homes. Most residents complain that the back up beepers on trucks and busses used to deliver goods and people into Waikiki have just about taken that option away.

I personally use a proximity detector in my vehicle and if a wall or person gets within three feet of my rear bumper a speaker in the cab of my vehicle begins beeping to warn me.

Senate Bill 3248 would seem to give our service providers the ability to choose which type of safety device to utilized during hours normally connected with rest periods in the community.

Mahalo for your consideration of this Senate Bill,

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Robert J. Finley  
Chair

