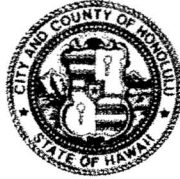


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February 14, 2009

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

Dear Chair Souki and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1753, Relating to Traffic Violations

I am Major Thomas Nitta of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes House Bill No. 1753, Relating to Traffic Violations. This bill proposes that section 291C-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Noncompliance with speed limit prohibited, be amended to state that it will not be designated a violation unless a person operates a motor vehicle more than 15 miles over the posted maximum speed.

The speed limits for highways and streets are determined to be used along with other speed management measures to ensure safety for all road users and the purpose of the road.

Management measures to be considered in determining the speed limit for roadways are:


- Length of road
- Lighting/Sight distance
- Urban/Rural/Residential areas
- Engineering

and other applicable measures.

The additional 15 miles per hour for a violation would need a vehicle operated at 41 miles per hour in a 25 mile per hour residential neighborhood, or 31 miles per hour in a 15 mile per hour area, which is dangerous to all road users, vehicles, passengers, and pedestrians.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


THOMAS T. NITTA, Major
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APPROVED:


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Comments:

This proposed law would lead to confusion when you allow people traveling on freeways to exceed the speed limit by 15 mph. It makes more sense to have the DOT conduct a study to determine a reasonable speed.