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Testimony for TRN 2/9/2011 9:00:00 AM HB489

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Comments:

Regarding HB489
In room 309 at 0900 on Wednesday, 9 February 2011 House Committee on Transportation

Chair Souki and Respected Members of the Committee;

My name is Reg White. I have served for 20 years as vp of Royal Star Hawaii Transit.

This bill does not include coverage regarding the visibility of the yield sign from the overtaking drivers position in traffic. Many times I cannot tell at present if the bus is flashing it's hazard warnings while making the drop/pickup or it's intention to come left, because the next vehicle at the stop is blocking the view of the entire right side of the bus in question. This act must not charge a driver who could not possibly have seen the yield sign when it was turned on.

In return for this special privilege for transit vehicles I think we are all owed full pullouts at each bus stop so that we regain the full use of all the lanes of our roadways and traffic may proceed smoothly while the bus makes it's pickups. These two in combination will get us all home sooner and save millions of gallons of wasted fuel.

Respectfully,

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