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January 23, 2012

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair  
and Committee Members  
Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
State of Hawaii  
State Capitol, Room 426  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 1669, Relating to Transportation

The City and County of Honolulu has no comment regarding the purpose of H.B. No. 1669 which will require the installation of immobilization devices on certain vehicles.

For operational purposes, we are concerned with the requirement that the county must return the previously surrendered license plates to the registered owner at the end of the immobilization period. The counties have limited license plate storage capabilities and we may not have the capacity to store these surrendered license plates. We recommend that the bill be amended by allowing the counties to destroy the surrendered plates and require the purchase of new license plates at the end of the immobilization period. We also recommend that the court be required to notify the county motor vehicle registration office of the license plate number(s) of the immobilized motor vehicle(s) so that the correct motor vehicle record is flagged.

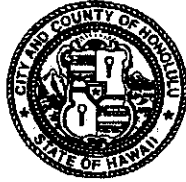
The City and County of Honolulu urges that H.B. No. 1669 be amended as recommended so that the county motor vehicle registration offices will be able to effectively implement the provisions of this bill.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Kamimura  
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January 25, 2012

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. 1669, Relating to Transportation

I am Kurt Kendro, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes the passage of House Bill No. 1669, Relating to Transportation. This bill would require that the police department attach an immobilization device to a motor vehicle if the owner has been convicted of driving without a license or driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license or an individual who is not in compliance of a paternity or child support order.

This would create a huge burden on the police department to purchase immobilization devices as well as to provide staffing to attach and remove these devices from vehicles. The installation of these devices would be considered a condition of probation which is contrary to the police role of enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

  
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Sincerely,

  
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January 25, 2012

To: Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair –House Committee on Transportation;  
Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair and members of the Committee

From: Arkie Koehl/Carol McNamee—Co-chairmen, Public Policy Committee - MADD  
Hawaii

Re: House Bill 1669 – Relating to Transportation

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I am Arkie Koehl, offering testimony on behalf of the Hawaii members of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in support of the intent of HB 1669. This bill amends Section 286-132 of the HRS, among others, and would therefore strengthen the sanctions for driving with a revoked or suspended driver's license when the suspension or revocation was the result of OVUII, Operating a Vehicle under the Influence of an Intoxicant.

MADD Hawaii strongly supports the concept of immobilization of a vehicle being driven by an unlicensed operator. We would prefer that the sanction be applied as quickly as possible following arrest, however, and recommend that the Committee study the provisions of a house shortly to be submitted, developed under the state's five-year Strategic Highway Safety Plan. This measure calls for a largely administrative system of implementing the immobilization program rather than court-based; the use of a vendor to provide the immobilization devices and monitor their use; penalties for tampering with or circumventing the device; and a schedule of time periods for the immobilization device to remain on the vehicle.

The purpose of both HB 1669 and the bill shortly to be submitted is to deter individuals from driving illegally when their licenses have been suspended or revoked. In the case of impaired driving, the threat of immobilization may encourage more OVUII drivers facing license revocation to instead install an ignition interlock device in their vehicles. For those not eligible for an interlock device, immobilization should discourage individuals from driving illegally without a valid license — and discourage owners from knowingly allowing unlicensed drivers to operate their vehicles. Ultimately, there should be fewer crashes caused by high-risk drivers.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.