

HB2030, HD2

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

Requires motorists when passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle with its visual signals activated on a highway to vacate the lane directly next to the stationary authorized emergency vehicle or reduce driving speed until clear by a specified distance of the stationary authorized emergency vehicle.

Effective January 7, 2059. (HB2030 HD2)

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March 12, 2012

**H.B. 2030 H.D. 2
RELATING TO STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE**

SENATE COMMITTEE(s) ON TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
and PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports H.B. 2030, H.D.2 with an addition. The DOT's Freeway Service Patrol fleet is composed of pick-up trucks and tow trucks. Therefore, to cover pick-up trucks, we recommend the definition of "emergency vehicle" in Subsection 2(b) be revised as follows:

As used in this subsection, "emergency vehicle" means a police or fire department vehicle, ambulance, tow truck and those vehicles with the Freeway Service Patrol designation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





Office of the Public Defender State of Hawaii



Timothy Ho, Chief Deputy **Public Defender**

Testimony of the Office of the Public Defender,
State of Hawaii to the Senate Committees on Transportation and
International Affairs and Public Safety, Government Operations,
And Military Affairs

Monday, March 12, 2012, 1:15 p.m.

RE: H.B. 2030, H.D. 2: Relating To Statewide Traffic Code

Chairs English, Espero and Committee Members:

This measure would add a subsection to §291C-128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by requiring a motorist to vacate the lane directly next to a stationary emergency vehicle rendering assistance to another vehicle or person, or to slow down to a speed that is safe and appropriate. Failure to either move over or slow down for a stationary emergency vehicle would be punishable as a petty misdemeanor.

While we believe that the deaths of Officers Fontes and Davis were both tragic and unnecessary, we do not believe that a violation of this measure should be punishable as a petty misdemeanor, and that this measure would have prevented their unfortunate deaths. Therefore, we oppose House Bill 2030, H.D. 2.

Legislation that is proposed and debated during or after a sensational and tragic incident has a tendency to be ushered through the legislative process fueled by emotion and a push for "justice." A common sense and/or logical analysis of the ramifications of such legislative proposals may lead to a result that is unpopular with the general public. Your duty, as elected officials, is to have as much courage to make a decision which may prove unpopular with the general public, if it is the correct decision, as making a correct decision that is favored by our populace.

Would a "move over" law have prevented the deaths of officer Fontes and Davis? Probably not. The driver who crashed into the police vehicle that had stopped to help a stranded motorist and killed officer Fontes had fallen asleep at the wheel. He did not see the stopped vehicles, including the police cars that had stopped to render assistance. His failure to move into the right-hand lane or to slow his speed was not based on an intentional or willful act. Had he not fallen asleep, he most likely would have avoided crashing into the vehicles. The driver who hit Officer Davis' police car is a federal fire firefighter, who more than likely would have moved one lane over had he noticed the police cruiser stopped behind the stalled vehicle.

The public may want these drivers to be punished for their actions. What criminal offenses could they be charged with? Either driver could be prosecuted for Negligent Homicide and Negligent Injury, for causing the death or injury to another person while operating a motor vehicle in a negligent manner. Proof of these offenses does not require an intentional, knowing, or reckless state of mind, but that the driver acted in a negligent manner, like driving above the speed limit or driving inattentively. How will this measure be enforced? A police officer or other emergency personnel should be concentrating on the crisis at hand, not at traffic enforcement. How will a police officer determine if a driver was travelling at a speed that is safe and appropriate?

What are the ramifications of creating a petty misdemeanor offense for a violation of this measure? First of all, anyone who is cited for failing to move over or slow down for a stationary emergency vehicle could be sentenced to thirty days in jail. Furthermore, an SR-22 requirement would mean the loss of the driver's license for three years, if he/she were unable to post a \$25,000 certificate of deposit, or to purchase insurance for that amount. These may all be appropriate penalties for someone found guilty of negligent homicide or negligent injury, but are excessive penalties for every individual who fails to move over or slow down for a stationary emergency vehicle. As a result of the seriousness of the proposed penalty of this measure, all defendants will be entitled to an attorney, private or court-appointed, and will be entitled to a trial. This will have a significant impact on our judicial system.

Our opposition to this measure is based on two issues – criminal penalties and SR-22. We ask this committee to amend this bill by striking the “petty misdemeanor” language in subsection (b) and making the punishment a violation exempt from the SR-22 requirement. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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COMMITTEE
Twenty-sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawai'i

Monday, March 12, 2012

RE: H.B. 2030, H.D. 2; RELATING TO STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

Chair J. Kalani English, Chair Espero, and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 2030, H.D. 2.

The purpose of this bill is to require motorists to vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle that is using visual signals and rendering assistance to another vehicle or person when driving on a highway with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle, and continue to travel in that lane until at least five hundred feet beyond the stationary emergency vehicle; or slow to a safe and appropriate speed until at least five hundred feet beyond the stationary emergency vehicle. A violation of this new law would be a petty misdemeanor.

The intent of this legislation is to provide safety for persons who provide emergency roadside assistance from vehicles traveling by on highways and roads that are often busy and have little area on the side of the traveling lanes to provide assistance.

For the following reasons, we strongly support the passage of H.B. 2030, H.D. 2. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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And Members of the Committee on Public Safety,
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Re: HB No. 2030, HD2, RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE

Dear Chairs English and Espero, and Members of the Committees:

The brave men and women of the Maui Police Department are responsible for the safety and traffic enforcement of laws on the public roadways throughout the County of Maui. As a law enforcement entity we face many dangers everyday in our careers. One of these dangers is the possibility that while performing our duties in stopping or assisting a motorist, we could be seriously injured or killed by a careless driver.

The Maui Police Department strongly supports the "Move Over" bill, HB No. 2030, HD2; Relating to Statewide Traffic Code, with the following amendment:

"As used in this subsection, "emergency vehicle" means a [police] law enforcement or fire department vehicle, ambulance, or a tow truck."

This language will accommodate the numerous Federal and State law enforcement entities that may also be on public roadways for emergency situations.

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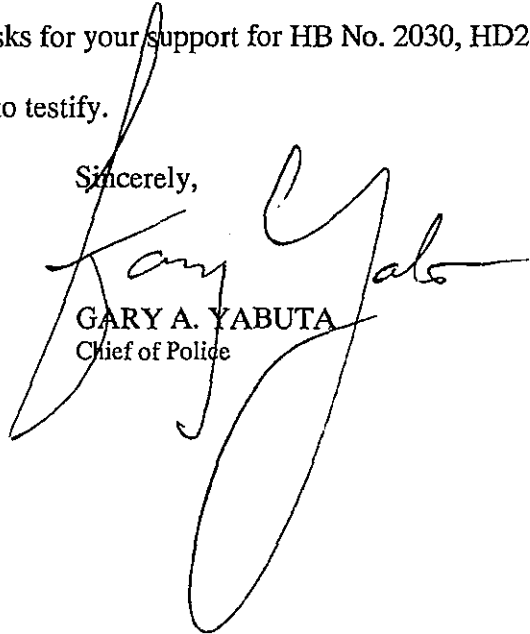
Our continued reasoning behind the support of this bill appears obvious because it will slowdown motorists and give emergency service providers a cushion of room to react to the dynamic and ever moving environment of a traffic stop, or while assisting in a traffic accident on a busy roadway. Versions of this bill are already law in 49 states with the exception of Hawaii and the District of Columbia. As these states have seen the benefits of this type of law, we hope this legislature will help to support the safety of our roadways in Hawaii for everyone.

In closing, it is time to support the safety of all of our emergency services providers that sacrifice to keep our community safe.

The Maui Police Department asks for your support for HB No. 2030, HD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Yabuta', is written over the typed name and title.

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and Military Affairs
The Senate
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Dear Chairs English and Espero and Members:

Subject: **House Bill No. 2030**, H.D. 2, Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code

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

The HPD **strongly supports** the passage of House Bill No. 2030, H.D. 2, Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code. Passage of this bill would require that a vehicle that approaches a stationary emergency vehicle would have to vacate the closest lane to the emergency vehicle or reduce their speed until they pass. This bill would protect first responders throughout the state who are trying to assist others while doing their duties.

The HPD would recommend several amendments to the bill.

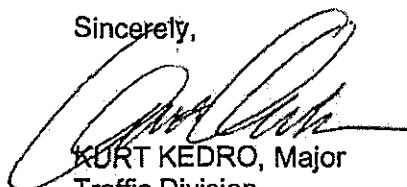
The first is on page 2, lines 16 and 17, to change the term "police" to "law enforcement vehicle" as this would be a more inclusive term for all of the law enforcement agencies in Hawaii. The second would be to change the term "ambulance" to "emergency medical services vehicle" as this would also be more inclusive of the different vehicles used by the Emergency Medical Services personnel. Additionally, in this same section, it would be important to include "**Ocean Safety vehicles**" as personnel from Ocean Safety also provide emergency response and aid in a variety of situations that are not only limited to the beach or ocean areas.

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The final amendment would be on page 3, line 3, to change the defective date to read,
"to take affect on approval."

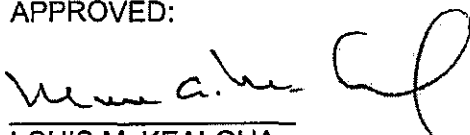
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



KURT KEDRO, Major
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APPROVED:



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Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: **House Bill 2030, HD 2, Relating To the Statewide Traffic Code**

Dear Senators English and Espero:

The **Hawai`i Police Department strongly supports** the **passage of House Bill 2030, HD 2, Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code** that is being dedicated to the memory of Officers Garrett Davis and Eric Fontes of the Honolulu Police Department. The purpose of this bill is to require motorists to vacate the lane closest to an emergency vehicle that is using emergency visual signals when approaching said vehicle, or to slow to a safe and appropriate speed when driving on a highway traveling in the direction of the stationary emergency vehicle and continue to drive at a speed no greater than is reasonable and prudent.

The passage of this legislation will provide public safety officers a little more protection in fulfilling their duties. It is no secret that Public Safety work is inherently dangerous by nature and this Bill, although originally conceived prior to the recent tragic deaths of Officers Eric Fontes and Garrett Davis on Oahu, is a measure with the ability to lessen some of that danger. The manner of death for those two public protectors serves as a further reminder of the importance of this Bill. Admittedly, this Bill alone may not protect public safety officers from the perils of a driver under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, nor from the perils of someone intent on injuring a public safety officer. This bill will instead serve to make the officers feel a little more secure in their surroundings while trying to do that which the community expects, whether it is to contact a traffic violator or to assist an injured or stranded motorist.

For these reasons, we most emphatically urge this committee to approve this legislation. Thank you for allowing the Hawai`i Police Department to provide comments relating to House Bill 2030, HD 2.

Sincerely,


HARRY S. KUBOJIRI
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Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs English and Espero:

Subject: H.B. 2030, H.D. 2 Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code

I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Fire Chief of the County of Maui, Department of Fire & Public Safety (MFD) and a member of the State Fire Council (SFC). The MFD and the SFC support H.B. 2030, H.D. 2, which proposes to require motorists to vacate the lane closest to a stationary authorized emergency vehicle when passing on a highway or reduce their driving speed until safely clear of the stationary authorized emergency vehicle.

We offer the below revisions for your consideration:

Change the term "ambulance" to "emergency medical services vehicle" as this would be more inclusive of the different vehicles used by the Emergency Medical Services personnel. In this same section, it would be important to include "Ocean Safety vehicles" as personnel from Ocean Safety also provide emergency response and aid in a variety of situations that are not only limited to the beach or ocean areas.

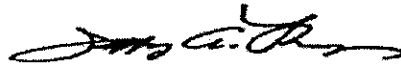
This bill would help protect first responders statewide who are assisting others on our busy highways. We believe this bill will bring a greater awareness of the potential dangers that exist to first responders who are focused on the immediate needs of

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citizens. The MFD and the SFC urge your committee's support on the passage of H.B. 2030, H.D. 2.

Should you have any questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7151 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Murray".

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To: Senator Kalani English, Chair –Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs; Sen. Will Espero, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee

Senator Will Espero, Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations & Military Affairs; Sen. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee

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

Re: House Bill 2030 HD2 – Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code

I am Arkie Koehl, offering testimony on behalf of the Hawaii members of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in support of House Bill 2030 HD2, relating to the Statewide Traffic Code.

MADD Hawaii strongly supports this commonly termed “move over” measure to provide greater protection for law enforcement officers and other first responders who are engaged in providing assistance to vehicles or individuals on Hawaii’s roads and highways. MADD has had direct contact with families of law enforcement officers who have been killed after being hit by another vehicle and our organization has adopted the position that more needs to be done to prevent these tragedies. Most other states have already taken action to adopt laws requiring drivers to “move over” when first responders are providing assistance to others on the road.

We encourage the committees to pass House Bill 2030 HD2.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ON HB 2030 HD2 RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE**

Thank you Chair English and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 400 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association supports this bill with the exception of the 500 feet provision. This could prevent drivers from entering their needed destination or freeway ramp.

If the emergency scene is in the right lane then everyone must move over to the second lane. If a destination or ramp is less than 500 feet from the scene this bill prevents motorists from making the desired maneuver.

If an emergency scene is on the shoulder then cars can remain in the right lane, slow down, and still make their desired maneuver.

However, a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) prefers to give additional room and would tend to occupy at least a portion of the adjacent lane if possible. In this case, how much of the adjacent lane can the CMV occupy and still considered to be in the right lane to be able to effect arrival at a destination less than 500 feet away?

Thank you.



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Testimony in Support of HB 2030

Monday, 3-12-2012 at 1:15pm at a joint hearing of the Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee and Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs Rm 224.

Submitted by Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League

Protect all vulnerable road users!

I apologize for not being able to attend the hearing in person. The Hawaii Bicycling League is assisting Roberts Hawaii in producing a training dvd for bus drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians to reduce collisions on Hawaii's roads.

The Hawaii Bicycling League, along with other bicycling and walking organizations statewide, asks all road users to heed Kamehameha's Law of the Splintered Paddle because "Everyone has the right to be safe on Hawaii's roads."

Mutual safety and concern for others is of utmost importance on the public roads for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other users of our public road system. This is a shared space that we must use carefully. King Kamehameha decreed in 1797 that "everyone has the right to be safe on Hawaii's roads – including old and young, women and children." Mamalahoe Kanawai (Law of the Splintered Paddle).

Now 215 years later we have large, fast machines capable of killing instantly if the operators are not careful.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Officer Garret Davis, and to Chief Kealoha and members of the Honolulu Police Department, who daily risk their lives to protect our safety. It is a tragedy when anyone is killed or seriously injured on our public roads because these crashes can be avoided by obeying the speed limits and concentrating to adjust to changing conditions.

We support the proposed Move Over Bill (HB 2030) that seeks to protect police and emergency road workers who protect other road users without a protective metal shell.

Ride Aloha! Drive Aloha!

Everyone has the right to be safe on Hawaii's roads.

Mamalahoe Kanawai, Kamehameha's Law of the Splintered Paddle 1797, Hawaii state constitution 1978

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/9/2012

Comments:

Officer Davis was a close friend of mine and his life was taken by negligent lack of action by a citizen. It tore my heart out of my chest to know this and I am in complete support of the MOVE OVER bill. For some reason, should this bill not pass, I will make it a personal mission of mine to purposefully stop my vehicle one lane over behind a police officer on a stop, as to force other drivers to move over one full lane with no choice. Police officers are community heroes and should not worry about losing their lives to simple drivers on the road. We as a people need to wake up, pay attention, put the cell phones down, and start caring about others! I'm sure there are hundreds more who feel the same as I do.

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dawn Hutchinson
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/10/2012

Comments:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name may not mean much to most and that is okay. My purpose, on the other hand, does. I am in full support of the "Move Over Bill" to protect not only our HPD Ohana but all first responders. I have family in HPD and HFD which makes my intensity for this bill to pass stronger than ever. The effects of Officer Fontes' and Officer Davis' deaths are still raw in many lives, including mine. It is upsetting that we need to make a bill for something that is so common sense but if it saves lives of those who protect and serve us, then so be it. I ask of you, PLEASE pass this bill. It is a no-brainer.

Sharon Lum Ho

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Submitted on: 3/10/2012

Comments:

It seems like common sense to slow down or move over a lane when there is an emergency vehicle or any vehicle on the side of the road. Some people have more book sense than common sense, so we need this law for the safety of the emergency people that help everyone else.

Sharon Lum Ho

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Comments:

Everyone whose had to pull over on the side of the road because their car broke down knows how dangerous it can be to get out of their car. Emergency personel are required to pull over and get out of their car next to a dangerous roadway constantly. Emergency personel risk their safety and their lives to help others, and I think it's very little to ask to have drivers move over a lane or slow down when there is an emercency vehicle on the side of the road.

Harold Lum Ho

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Comments:

I support this proposed legislation. Anything that can be done to help protect our law enforcement officers in the line of duty needs to be done. They put their lives on the line for us, please do this for them and their families.

Sharon Lum

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Testimony for TIA/PGM 3/12/2012 1:15:00 PM **HB2030**

Conference room: 224
Testifier position: **Support**
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: **Rhonda Davis**
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rhonda75d@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/11/2012

Comments:

Although there is nothing that will change the outcome of the tragic death of my son, Officer Garret Davis, I wish to extend my support to the "move over bill" in the state of Hawaii. Garret put his life on the line to protect and more than likely save the lives of the young couple in the disabled vehicle he was helping the night of his death. Garret's fellow officers and emergency workers put their lives on the line every day, as well, to protect others. We need to do whatever we can to help protect them on the highways. Passing the "move over bill" is one way to do that. Every other state in the United States has some version of this bill. I cannot understand why it has taken the state of Hawaii so long to recognize the need for such a law.

If this law had been passed sooner, it may have saved the life of my precious son. I ask that you do the right thing and move this bill through as quickly as possible. Hopefully, the passing of the bill into law will help prevent other mothers from having to endure the pain and loss I am dealing with daily, since that awful night in January 2012 when I received a phone call telling me they were sorry to inform me that my son was killed in a needless traffic accident.

Every day that you wait is another tragedy waiting to happen. Please stop these senseless tragedies, NOW. PASS THIS BILL.

Rhonda Davis Mother of
Officer Garret Davis (killed in the line of duty January 21, 2012)

Staron Lum Ho

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 6:29 AM
To: TIATestimony
Cc: melemahalo@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2030 on 3/12/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/12/2012

Comments:

Sharon Lum, PE

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Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 5:44 AM
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Submitted by: James E Amos
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Jamos@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/12/2012

Comments:

Passage of this bill will go a long way toward raising awareness for safety and attentiveness of drivers to emergency vehicles and civilians in distress stopped on or adjacent to the highway. It will help!

Sharon Lum, HC

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 10:47 PM
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sylvia Dawson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: dawsons006@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/11/2012

Comments:

My name is Lynn Vasquez. I am the mother of a Honolulu Police Officer who also has served her country in Iraq and Afghanistan. She was medically evacuated out of Afghanistan and recovered fully. Since then, she has returned to The Honolulu Police Department and watched two of her fellow brothers in Blue die needlessly in traffic accidents. It could have been avoided if the motorists paid attention to their surroundings while driving. I worry for her safety everyday, here and abroad.

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2030** RELATING TO STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE which would require motorists to “move over” when passing a stationary moving vehicle on a highway.

Please support passage of HB2030 today.

Mahalo,

Lynn Vasquez

Sharon Lum Ho

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Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 8:00 PM
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Submitted on: 3/11/2012

Comments:

Sharon Lum Ho

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Submitted by: **Richard Soo**
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Submitted on: 3/11/2012

Comments:

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Submitted by: **Letha A.S. DeCaires**
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Submitted on: 3/11/2012

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS Senator Will Espero, Chair

Monday, March 12, 2012
1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Honorable Chairs English and Espero and committee members:

My name is Letha DeCaires, retired Captain from the Honolulu Police Department. I strongly support HB2030, HD 2 RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE which would require motorists to "move over" when passing a stationary emergency vehicle on a highway.

The current draft of the bill has had technical improvements made to ensure that the law can be enforced by law enforcement as well as be effective in court.

No law can keep first responders safe, however, I believe that this bill brings an opportunity for motorists to be made aware of the dangers that all first responders face on a daily basis. Over the years, I have heard many officers share their own near death experiences while stopped with lights flashing for a collision, a stalled vehicle, or a crime scene. I had several close calls myself. We who have successfully completed our careers in the field have a responsibility to call upon our community to pass further legislation to protect those working today.

We need to educate our community to not only move over, but also slow down.

Please support passage of HB2030 HD2 today.

Letha A.S. DeCaires