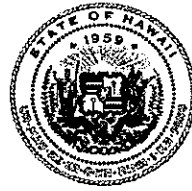


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The Department of Transportation strongly supports the passage of this Administration bill. Section 291-35.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was enacted in order to discourage motorists from modifying their vehicles in a manner that would raise the bumper height to an extent that it would cause higher than normal probability of an injury in the event of a crash into the front or rear of the modified vehicle. This section currently does not have a penalty for violations. A penalty is needed in order to motivate motorists to comply with the law.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

