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LATE TESTIMONY

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Judiciary
House of Representative
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB No. 2971, RELATING TO VEHICLES

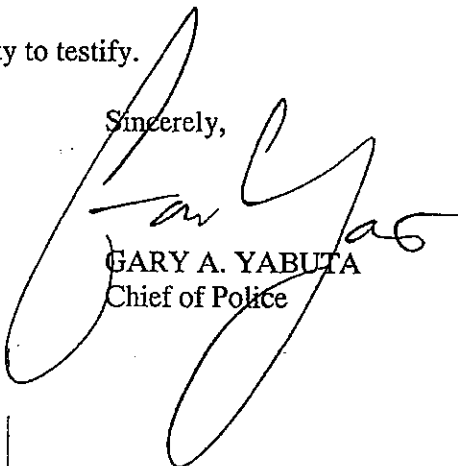
Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

The Maui Police Department supports the passage of SB No. 2971. The passage of this bill will clarify the definition of "vehicles" in HRS Chapter 707, and amends negligent injury offenses to include bodily injury to another person caused by the operation of a moped or vessel in a negligent manner.

Due to two recent fatalities in the past year in the waters of Maui County involving boats versus swimmers/divers, the Maui Police Department request your support for the passage of SB No. 2971 in order to make clear that operation of vessels and mopeds are included in the negligent homicide statutes in order to increase operator awareness and safety on our streets and waters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE BILL NO. 2971

RELATING TO VEHICLES

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

The Department of Transportation is in support of Senate Bill No. 2971 that will define "vehicle" in chapter 707 to be the same as in section 291E-1. It amends negligent injury offenses to include bodily injury to another person caused by the operation of a moped or vessel in a negligent manner.

Due to the increasing incidents involving the negligent operations of mopeds and vessels (jet skis), this bill will make operators more accountable for their actions when it involves the safety of others when operating these types of vehicles.

The Department of Transportation urges your committee to pass Senate Bill No. 2971 which will make operators of these types of vehicles more accountable for their actions and to save lives on roadways and waterways.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.