

LATE



KAUAI
Chamber
of
Commerce

TESTIMONY

Hawaii State Senate
Committees on Transportation and International Affairs
Monday January 30, 2012
1:15 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 224

RE: Senate Bill 61: Relating to Statewide Traffic Code
Chair English and Vice Chair Espero and members of the committee:

Aloha! My name is Randall Francisco and I represent the Kauai Chamber of Commerce which comprises of 450+ members, nearly 700 representatives and about 6000 employees. Approximately 87% of the Chamber's members are small businesses.

The Chamber is in support of SB 61 Relating to Statewide Traffic Code

During the past couple of years, road construction and, traffic, especially, in the Puhi-Lihue town and Wailua-Kapaa town corridors have increased significantly. The numbers of emergency and public safety vehicles have also increased. And, noticeably, as a driver in a lane while these vehicles are trying to drive to their destination, I have often witnessed delays in which some drivers do not always 'move over' to accommodate the oncoming emergency/responder vehicle. Granted, not all situations by the drivers are intentional. Anything that can be done in a proactive way to assist and expedite a responders ability can only help to save lives and improve the responder's ability to address a situation that requires fire, ambulance, police, etc. assistance. Furthermore, Kauai has had more than its share of natural disasters such as hurricanes and other hazards.

For these reasons, the Chamber supports this measure and respectfully requests for your consideration and support.. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify. Please do not hesitate contact me at, 245-7363.

Mahalo Nui Loa and Aloha.

Randall Francisco
Kauai Chamber of Commerce