



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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February 11, 2013
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 309

H.B. 1080
RELATING TO BICYCLES

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** HB 1080 for the following reasons:

1. Consulting with the bicycling community to identify an alternative bikeway project or projects is not appropriate as subsection (b) already requires the DOT to expend two per cent of eligible federal funds for bicycles and subsection (e) already requires the DOT to involve the bicycling community. In addition, this would void the transparent process used to prioritize projects in the statewide bicycle master plan (Bike Plan Hawaii) and the Oahu bicycle master plan (Oahu Bike Plan).
2. HB 1080 is not necessary as the DOT is developing a "Complete Street" evaluation process where the decisions made will be documented and transparent planning. Our "Complete Street" policy considers all users to include bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, movers of freight, and motorists.
3. Requiring additional information in the annual bikeway expenditure report to legislators is not appropriate and an undue burden to the DOT as segregating bicycles from other "Complete Street" users is not easy. In addition, having to provide specific factual information will increase project development costs and lengthen project schedules unnecessarily where the obvious existing conditions restrict establishment of a bikeway (i.e., insufficient right-of-way, undergrounding/relocation of utilities, steep drop-offs, etc.).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BICYCLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 264-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§264-18 Use of highway fund for bikeways.** (a) [~~Out of~~
4 ~~the state~~] State highway fund amounts, whether state funds or
5 federal funds, shall be expended as necessary by the State for
6 the establishment of bikeways; provided that bikeways shall be
7 established, whenever practicable, wherever a new or existing
8 highway, road, or street is being designed, planned,
9 constructed, reconstructed, relocated, or rehabilitated.

10 **(b)** At least two per cent of eligible federal funds, and
11 in addition, other state highway fund moneys as available, shall
12 be expended to:

13 (1) Establish multi-use paths, bicycle paths, and bicycle
14 lanes; and

15 (2) Install signage and safety devices along bikeways;

16 provided that the department of transportation shall include the
17 bicycling community in a public involvement process to determine



1 the location of multi-use paths, bicycle paths, bicycle lanes,
2 and installation of signage and safety devices along bikeways.

3 (c) Planning for any mass transit system shall include
4 appropriate accommodation for bicycle lanes, bikeways, and
5 bicycle routes, including bicycle racks on mass transit
6 vehicles, to enable mass transit users to connect conveniently
7 by bicycle to transit stations and bus stops[~~—This~~]; provided
8 that this subsection shall not be construed [~~as requiring~~] to
9 require the expenditure of a county surcharge on state tax under
10 section 46-16.8, on bicycle paths if the application of this
11 subsection conflicts with section 46-16.8.

12 [~~(b) Bikeways are not required to be established under~~
13 ~~subsection (a):~~] (d) Subsection (a) shall not require
14 establishment of bikeways:

- 15 (1) Where the establishment of the lanes, paths, routes,
16 and ways would be contrary to public safety; [~~or~~]
- 17 (2) If the cost of establishing the lanes, paths, routes,
18 and ways would be excessively disproportionate to the
19 need or probable use; or
- 20 (3) Where low population density, other available ways, or
21 other factors indicate an absence of any need for the
22 lanes, paths, routes, and ways[~~+~~].



1 ~~[provided that the]~~

2 (e) The department of transportation shall ~~[involve]~~
3 consult with representatives of the bicycling community, such as
4 the Hawaii Bicycling League, Kauai PATH, Maui Bicycling
5 Alliance, PATH (Big Island), and others, in making a
6 determination under ~~[paragraphs (1), (2), and (3); provided~~
7 ~~further that any]~~ subsection (d). Any decision made under
8 ~~[this]~~ subsection (d) shall be documented, including but not
9 limited to~~[7]~~ the factors considered in making a decision~~[7]~~,
10 and ~~[provided further that]~~ the department of transportation
11 shall have the burden of persuasion under ~~[paragraphs (2) and~~
12 ~~(3)]~~ subsection (d) (2) and (d) (3). Whenever the department of
13 transportation determines that establishment of bikeways as
14 required by subsection (a) is not practicable for the reasons
15 set forth in subsection (d), the department shall also consult
16 with the bicycling community to identify an alternative bikeway
17 project or projects, which shall be established using the funds
18 that would otherwise have been expended pursuant to subsection
19 (a).

20 ~~[-e)]~~ (f) The department of transportation, when
21 requested, shall provide technical assistance and advice to
22 counties in carrying out the purpose of this section. The



1 department of transportation shall recommend construction
2 standards for bikeways. The department of transportation, in
3 the manner prescribed for marking highways under section 264-25,
4 shall provide a uniform system of marking and signing such
5 lanes, paths, routes, and ways which shall apply to lanes,
6 paths, routes, and ways under the jurisdiction of the department
7 of transportation and the counties. Notwithstanding any
8 provision to the contrary, the department of transportation and
9 the counties may restrict the use of the lanes, paths, routes,
10 and ways to pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles.

11 [~~(d)~~] (g) As used in this section, the terms "bikeway",
12 "bicycle path", and "bicycle lane" shall have the same meaning
13 as in section 291C-1.

14 [~~(e)~~] (h) The department of transportation shall report
15 annually to the legislature before the convening of each regular
16 session as to bikeway expenditures and current projects. The
17 report shall also:

18 (1) Identify any instances in which it was determined
19 pursuant to subsection (d) that establishing the
20 bikeways required by subsection (a) was not
21 practicable;



- 1 (2) State the reasons for the determination, supported by
- 2 specific factual information; and
- 3 (3) List the alternative bikeway project or projects
- 4 identified in consultation with the bicycling
- 5 community and the current status of that project or
- 6 projects."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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H.B. NO. 1080

Report Title:

Bike Lanes

Description:

Requires the department to identify, fund, and establish alternative bikeway projects when establishment of bikeways on new or reconstructed roads is not practicable. Requires report.

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HB1080

Submitted on: 2/8/2013

Testimony for TRN on Feb 11, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Goody	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members: This is a very important measure to promote non-motorized transportation and to make it safer for all of us to get out of our cars for many types of trips. Hawaii is among the worst in the nation for car collisions with bikes; this bill will save lives. It will also reduce cost of imported fuel, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce traffic congestion in a cost effective manner. Thank you for considering this testimony. Sincerely, John Goody

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jared A. Washkowitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to express my support for HB 1080 because it promotes the development of bicycling in Honolulu. I regularly commute by bicycle from Hawaii Kai area to my office downtown. The traffic is usually bad and I always wish I would see more people bicycling to work. I feel like Honolulu is slowly moving in the right direction with bike lanes on Kalakaua and soon to be on Waiialae, but the more the better. Honolulu could be a bicycling mecca and the more bike friendly an area is, the more people will actually ride. It's a win-win-- better for health, environment, and pocket.... I fully support complete streets want to see miles and miles of bike lanes in paradise ! Mahalo for your hard work...

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From: Wayson Kobelansky [wkobela@hawaiiintel.net]
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Dear Transportation Committee:

I am writing to submit my testimony in favor of HB 1080. As a avid bicyclist, and one who relies on my car as a primary mode of transportation, the passage of this bill would allow for bicycling usage (bike paths, bike route, signage, pavement marking) when roadways and highways are being constructed or improved. By doing so, this would allow me to use my bicycle more often rather than rely on my automobile to commute. I believe this is a serious bill which will help improve the safety concerns that many bicyclist face on our street, especially here on Oahu. It would also help alleviate the problem of having more cars on the roads.

I ask for your approval and passage of HB 1080. MAHALO

Sincerely,

Wayson W. Kobelansky
(206)422-1760

Sent from my iPhone

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Attachments: I personally know of 2 individuals whose lives have been nearly lost due to irresponsible drivers not giving considerations to individuals on bicycles.docx

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail Mar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I personally know of 2 individuals whose lives have been nearly lost due to irresponsible drivers not giving considerations to individuals on bicycles. They suffered life altering catastrophic surgeries of which one was a partial lobotomy. Please act for the safety of all and support this important change for Hawaii. Thank you. RELATING TO BICYCLES. Requires the department to identify, fund, and establish alternative bikeway projects when establishment of bikeways on new or reconstructed roads is not practicable. Requires report.

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Carolyn L Knoll	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Chun	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Many of us would use bikes rather than cars but it is really scary! I've had friends hit by cars zooming by them as they attempt to ride the edge of the pavement. Please pass this law. It is a good step towards making our kids who ride bikes and adults like me who ride bikes safer. It will also encourage fuel savings and help with traffic congestion.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bianca Isaki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have been a biking-commuter in Honolulu since 1999 and oppose HB 1080. While the intention to facilitate bike-commuting is laudable, HB 1080 takes a myopic approach to the more crucial overall plan of easing traffic congestion. I fear that focusing on the needs of the "biking community" - largely composed of single office workers and students - will mean marginalizing those populations for whom bike-commuting is not an option (i.e., those living far from their children's daycare or who need to haul tools to worksites). Specifically, I see no provisions in the "alternative bikeway projects" that would prohibit DOT planners from removing automotive traffic lanes to create bike lanes. Please oppose HB 1080 and its added layer of consultation with the "biking community".

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ikaika Pestana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 1080 because it would help to create more bike lanes in Hawaii. I would ride a bike to work in downtown only 0.8mi away from home but its too dangerous. More bike lanes would protect me from this danger and encourage me to bike to work rather than driving.

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neil Frazer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Representatives, I am 64 years old, and cycle whenever it is possible to do so. Please consider that bicycle lanes are an important part of our transportation system: For example, I often ride my bike into Kailua in order to catch a bus to work from there. In the evening, when I return from work on the bus, I can rapidly do my shopping by bicycle. When I ride my bike around Kailua, I enjoy it much more, and stop more often at stores and cafés than I do when I am driving an automobile. If you want a healthier, happier Hawaii, please do whatever you can do to see that this bill is passed. Mahalo for your unselfish service to Hawaii. I wish you were all paid more. Sincerely, Neil Frazer, PhD.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The "ghost" bike. That's a bicycle painted white and left by the Hilo road where a twenty-something bicyclist was killed by a car a few months ago. A bike lane might have saved him. Can't we do better?

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Committee on Transportation
Monday, Feb.11, 2013
Conf. Room 309
RE: Support of HB 1080 relating to bicycles

Aloha Representatives,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1080 to use highway funds to create bikeways in Hawaii.

I live on the North Shore of Oahu, where we have two great bike paths, but they don't even come close to connecting. Our traffic can be horrible on weekends and holidays and big surf days, but I don't currently ride my bike beyond the bike paths because the roads and highways are not safe. On a recent trip to Europe, I enjoyed riding bikes in Amsterdam, Barcelona and Tuscany. Why can't we do it here?

Honolulu has the potential to be the best bike riding city & county in the entire USA. Our weather conditions and small city center make bike riding a natural fit. In rural areas it would be far easier to create and improve designated bike lanes and paths than to expand Kamehameha Highway to accommodate more cars. Transportation by bicycle is good for people physically and mentally, relieves traffic congestion, and is of course great for air quality.

Please pass HB1080 so we can get started on creating a bike-able Hawaii!

Mahalo,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Sager		Support	No

Comments: The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic party supports Complete Streets which will provide for pedestrians and bicyclists as well as vehicular traffic. Hawaii has one of the worst bicycle and pedestrian/capita death records in the country. Improving the safety of our streets is critical, but DOT at both the State and County levels continue to ignore that vital component of our traffic system. When the Dot determines that installing bike lanes when doing major maintenance is impractical the should mitigate that failure by building higher priority bike and pedestrian facilities at another location. The Enivonmental Causus enthusiastically supports HB1080.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wynnie Hee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Remember TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT -- the walkable, BIKEABLE mixed-use developments around RAIL STATIONS -- the TRUE reason Honolulu City Council, banks, developers, contractors, carpenters' union, etc., SUPPORT RAIL. OK, we got the pro-RAIL mayor. Now give us the BIKE PATHS!

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Testimony HB 1080
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Anyone who dares risk life and limb to ride their bike in this State can tell you first hand that we need more bike lanes! In Honolulu, a city that could be a mecca for bicyclists, with year-round good weather and a relatively compact urban area, bicyclists on the roadways are viewed as inconvenient speed bumps or not viewed at all. Encouraging cycling reduces every cost or disadvantage related to operating automobiles. Traffic would be reduced significantly, greenhouse gas emissions would lessen dramatically, and shiploads of barrels of oil would need to find new buyers to sell their dirty wares. Interpreted: This saves Hawai'i lots of money! All of these things **and** creating bicycle friendly infrastructure has two other **major benefits!**

There are many individuals, who yearn to hop on a bike and ride wherever they need to go, myself included. If Hawaiians were cycling more often, their focus would begin to shift to their local community. More time and money would certainly be spent close to home (biking distance) rather than a 20-90 minute drive away. However, after a life-changing experience on a Honolulu roadway that resulted in permanent debilitating injury and tens of thousands of dollars in medical bills, I am hesitant to ride in this state until the bicyclists' needs begin to be met on our deficient roads.

I am also aware that the state of Hawai'i has a growing fat, overfat, and obese population, children included. The state even has a committee for addressing the problem among school aged children. A major component to managing one's weight is one's daily activity. Enabling sedentary individuals to drive cars is counter-productive and I believe you understand where I am going with this point. Providing adequate bicycle lanes to communities will help fight the costs of diseases and disorders related to being overweight by giving the public an avenue for increasing their health vis-à-vis fitness vis-à-vis raised daily activity levels.

It should be a no-brainer for the state to aggressively encourage cycling, but this unfortunately doesn't seem to be the case. The existing law requires that the Department of Transportation consider establishment of bikeways, *whenever practicable*, wherever a new or existing highway, road, or street is being designed, planned, constructed, reconstructed, relocated, or rehabilitated. **When a bikeway project isn't practicable, the DOT isn't required to do anything, resulting in no new bikeways, and causing the state to miss out on opportunities to secure additional federal funds for these projects.** HB 1080 will take us a step closer to addressing this issue. It would amend the law to add a requirement that when bikeway projects aren't practicable on the roadway under consideration, that the Department must consult with the biking community to identify alternative bikeway projects. I respectfully request this language be used to amend the current law. It is the right thing to do.

February 10, 2013

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Hawaii State Legislature
Honolulu, HI

LATE

RE: HB 1080

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I am a strong advocate of bicycling and support HB 1080. I am very interested in seeing Hawaii evolve as a premiere community of abundant bicycle paths and safe roads for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. House Bill 1080 is an important step to incorporate both physical structures, such as bike paths and highways accommodating bicycles as well as a cultural measure to consider bicycles and vehicles simultaneously when budgeting for roads, road maintenance.

When I first moved to Hawaii in 2002, I thought I would be able to bicycle everywhere because of the beautiful climate. I was wrong! I had very close encounters with vehicles when I rode my bike on the street. I quit riding my bike immediately!!!

In part, Hawaii drivers become confused with bicycles on the street because there are limited bicycle lanes, little to no education in driver's education on handling bicycles and NO questions on the state drivers test exam about bicycles!! The roads do not accommodate bicycles with safety in mind for both the bicyclists and the drivers. I also believe that some drivers' attitudes are cultural, that is, a bicycle represents a time of low income, lack of credit to buy a car, low social status. The attitude carries on behind the wheel of a car by NOT acknowledging a bicyclist because they are 'lowly'. These attitudes are owned and prevail in the Hawaii DOT: the car is king, forget the bicyclists! Therefore, it's difficult to get attention focused on safe bicycling transportation in Hawaii with a department that has a bias towards 'cars and trucks'.

Times are changing though! People are more health-conscious, ownership of a vehicle is becoming more costly and frankly, others are sick of sitting in hours of traffic.

Please pass HB 1080 with the very important aspect of bicycles! Your vote plays a very important role in creating a bicycle environment that can surpass others who boast of their bike friendly communities! Thank you for your time and attention to my letter.

Sincerely,


Christine M. Burton