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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
ON HB 146 RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE**

Thank you Chair Yamane 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.

We support the intent of this measure, but would like to offer amendments. On a normal set up there are lug nuts and lug nut covers that do extend beyond the rim of the wheel and are not dangerous or menacing.

In order to allow these normal set ups to continue operating we suggest the following amendment to the definition of "dangerous wheels."

"Dangerous wheels" means any wheel, wheel cover, hubcap, lug nut cover or cap, prong, or any ornamentation affixed to any of the aforementioned items that

**(1) Is modified from the original manufacturer's standard by using aftermarket parts;**  
**and**

**(2) Extends out 5 inches or more past the wheel's rim.**

{extends past the wheel's rim and that may cause injury or property damage by minimal contact with a person or object.}

Thank you.

HADA Testimony Opposed to HB146  
Relating to the Traffic Code

Presented to the House Committee on Transportation  
for the hearing 9:30 a.m. February 6, 2013  
in Room 309, Hawaii State Capitol



by The Members of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association  
Hawaii's franchised new car dealers

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Ichiyama and members of the committee:

After vetting this bill with several auto dealers a number of questions (concerns) were raised relating to the following language in the bill:

"Dangerous wheels" means any wheel, wheel cover, hubcap, lug nut cover or cap, prong, or any ornamentation affixed to any of the aforementioned items that extends past the wheel's rim and that may cause injury or property damage by minimal contact with a person or object."

HADA submits testimony in opposition until a clearer definition of "dangerous wheels" can be obtained—one that doesn't have the unintended consequence of banning, for example, certain truck wheels, which by manufacturer design, have lug nuts which extend slightly beyond the outward-facing surface of the tire.

Respectfully submitted,

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