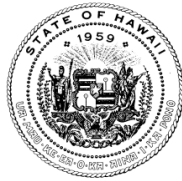


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The Department of Transportation **supports** the intent of this bill as an attempt to address graffiti and tagging on public property and appreciates the opportunity to be included in the process to determine location and maintenance of these expressions of art.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**LATE**

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Vice Chair Johanson, and members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Hailee Kawakami and I am a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Kapaa Elementary School. I am learning about the legislative process and I am glad that this bill has made it to your committee. My dad said that most bills don't make it past your committee but I shouldn't be sad because it doesn't mean that it is a bad idea, it just might mean that we don't have enough money. I think that this bill should pass because I don't see how much money it could possibly cost our State.

Graffiti and vandalism is a problem. I think that if we provide a place for people to express their creativity it may reduce the amount of unwanted vandalism. If we can provide a canvas for artists they will have a place to go where they know they are wanted. At my school alone there are many walls that could be the canvas for urban artists. It would help make our schools look better and could make it a more fun place to be.

Recently Menehune Food Mart partnered with the County of Kauai and Kapaa High School and Kapaa Middle School in a project to remove all liquor advertisements and we created a beautiful mural outside. We were not allowed to use the whole wall because the county has rules that doesn't allow it. Maybe we should work with the counties to get their rules in line with this project.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Love,

Hailee Kawakami

Hailee Kawakami





