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H.B. 688
RELATING TO COPPER THEFT

House Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill as it provides immunity and protection to the Department from persons attempting to commit theft of copper on our properties.

The DOT spent about \$3 million dollars to replace the copper for the lighting on H-1 and H-2 freeways. We continue to have to repair and replace the copper for lighting along our systems which continue to escalate in the millions of dollars.

The DOT would also like to recommend the following amendment:

§662- Copper theft of state property; state immunity for injuries to perpetrator. *No state entity or state employee shall be liable to any person for any injury caused from contact with any property:*

- (1) Owned or controlled by the State; and
- (2) From which the person committed or attempted to commit theft of copper in any amount, including the commission or attempted commission of theft of copper under §708-935.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Karen Chun	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a no-brainer. Of COURSE the counties and state should be immune if some lolohead criminal is stealing copper wire and gets electrocuted. Please pass this.

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