

# **SB 337**

RELATING TO STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

Makes it a violation to drive a motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer equipped with dangerous wheels.

Defines dangerous wheels.

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Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

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The Department of Transportation supports this bill, which will prohibit the installation of any spinner on a wheel that extends beyond the rim of the wheel. Although these items generally pose no threat to safety, in the event of pedestrian sideswipe or similar incident, an extended spinner has potential for causing added injury unnecessarily. From a safety perspective, these spinners or spikes are similar to old style hood ornaments that did not collapse or fold back when impacted.

Spinners that extend beyond the wheel also have potential for injuring someone walking past a vehicle in a crowded parking lot. People walking between cars in this situation often do not pay much attention to things below the hood level of a vehicle, because they are watching for traffic and looking for their car. It is not uncommon for pedestrians in parking lots to be close enough to a vehicle to brush against it. In this situation spikes could cause a person to get a leg injury by brushing against an unseen spinner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
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Dear Chair English and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 337, Relating to Statewide Traffic Code

I am Paul Dwayne Calvey, Captain of the Information Technology Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD strongly supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 337, Relating to Statewide Traffic Code. Vehicles with wheels that have the propensity to cause severe injury and property damage have increased. The passage of this bill will prohibit drivers from operating vehicles with wheels that have been deemed dangerous. The passage of this bill will also lessen the community's exposure to other unnecessary risks of injury from dangerous wheels on vehicles that are parked and not being operated.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 337.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
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