

SB 484

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Requires applicants for category 2 (motorcycle and motor scooter) licenses to designate whether the applicant elects to wear a safety helmet with a chin strap at all times when operating the vehicle. Requires licenses to bear the indication of the election. Clarifies rate and minimum rate of tax on motorcycles and motor scooters for owners of motorcycles and motor scooters who elect to wear safety helmets. Requires category 2 licensed drivers who elect to wear safety helmets to wear safety helmets at all times.

Clarifies penalties for failure to wear safety helmet for drivers electing to wear safety helmet. Specifies that motor vehicle weight tax shall be double the prescribed amount of the motor vehicle weight tax if driver does not indicate election to wear safety helmet on application. Specifies that the council shall determine an additional fee to the license application fee that shall be double the amount of the prescribed license application fee if driver does not indicate election to wear safety helmet on application.



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SB484, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

February 6, 2013, 1:17 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports SB484. This bill offers a financial
2 incentive upon registration of motorcycle and motor scooter to riders who elect to register that they will
3 wear a helmet when operating their motorcycle or motor scooter.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** Ever since the repeal of the universal helmet law in 1976, the death rate in
6 Hawai'i among motorcycle and motor scooter riders has remained twice as high as during that period.
7 With the removal of universal helmet law, the outcomes of crashes among unhelmeted riders in Hawai'i
8 are now 3 times more deadly and 3 times as likely to result in a traumatic brain injury. With the
9 increasing popularity of motorcycles and motor scooters as a fun and economical means of
10 transportation, paired with its associated risk of death and costly injury, it is now more pertinent than
11 ever that we support policies that provide incentive for the use of helmets among riders.

12 In a Department of Health study of motorcycle and motor scooter injuries linking 2007
13 Emergency Medical Services Records with Emergency Department and Hospitalization data, the use of
14 helmets and their association with injury severity and acute care medical costs was examined. This
15 study of 458 Hawai'i residents found that 48% of riders were unhelmeted, but they accounted for 77%

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1 (\$1.1 million) of the \$1.4 million in medical charges that were billed to Medicaid or QUEST insurance
2 policies. There was an even greater disparity in the proportion of medial charges known as “self-paid,”
3 as 82% (\$2.4 million) of the \$2.9 million was charged to unhelmeted riders. Queens Medical Center
4 reports that 86% of “self-paid” charges are never paid. Therefore, the public burden of medical care for
5 those who ride without helmets is approximately 3 million dollars a year, approximately 2 million of
6 which would have been prevented by a helmet. Unpaid medical charges increase the cost of care for all.

7 Increasing helmet usage among motorcycle, motor scooter, and moped riders is a top priority of
8 both the Department of Health Injury Prevention Plan, 2012-2017, and the Hawaii Strategic Highway
9 Safety Plan. This bill focuses on increasing helmet usage by encouraging the positive choice of wearing
10 a helmet. If passed and enacted, this bill could protect riders from death and injury, and protect the rider
11 and the taxpayers from higher medical charges.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 5, 2013

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
514 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair English and Committee Members:

Subject: **S.B. No. 484**, Relating to Transportation

The City and County of Honolulu has concerns regarding the implementation of **S.B. No. 484**, relating to the wearing of a safety helmet while operating a motorcycle or motor scooter.

Due to the required computer programming changes and passage of enabling ordinances, we estimate an implementation date no sooner than December 1, 2013.

As currently written, the increase in motor vehicle weight tax will affect only the county weight tax. If it is the intent of the Legislature to increase the State weight tax, an amendment should be made to Section 249-33, HRS.

Finally, motorcycles or motor scooters that are not registered to the licensed operator, will be charged the increased weight tax even if the licensed operator elects to wear a safety helmet. An example would be motorcycles or motor scooters registered to a company.

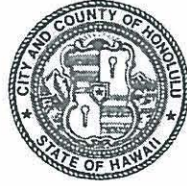
Sincerely,

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Dennis A. Kamimura
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Committee on Transportation
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State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair English and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 484, Relating to Transportation

I am Kurt Kendro, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes the passage of Senate Bill No. 484, Relating to Transportation. Passage of this bill would require applicants for a category 2 license who are owners of a motorcycle or motor scooter to make an election to wear a safety helmet. If the owner elects not to wear a safety helmet, then the registration and license fees would be subject to an additional fee. As written, the HPD has many concerns over the ability to enforce this bill.

We are concerned that a law enforcement officer who observes a person on a motorcycle or motor scooter would have no knowledge if the person agreed to wear a helmet when he or she applied for the license. The officer would not be able to take any enforcement action until the officer stops the motorcyclist to run computer checks on the operator.

This bill only addresses those persons who apply for a category 2 driver's license and have a motorcycle or moped registered to them. It does not apply to a passenger on a motorcycle or a motor scooter.

This bill covers the category 2 driver's license which is for motorcycles. Operators of motor scooters are only required to have a category 1 driver's license. This bill does not cover operators of mopeds which only require a category 3 driver's license.

The bill fails to define what is a safety helmet.

This bill does not speak to motorcycle or motor scooter rentals.

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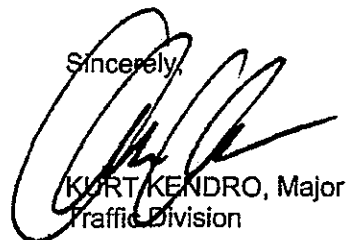
Finally, if passed, those owners and license holders of out-of-state driver's licenses or motorcycle and motor scooter registrations would not be covered by this law.

The HPD supports a universal helmet law for people who are either a driver or passenger on a motorcycle, motor scooter, or moped. A universal helmet law would be across the board rather than for a portion of the population. The HPD would recommend that this bill be changed so that all individuals who ride a motorcycle, motor scooter, or moped, whether as a driver or a passenger, would be required to wear a helmet.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:


LOUIS M. KEALOHA
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

KURT KENDRO, Major
Traffic Division



Wednesday, February 6, 2013

The Honorable Kalani J. English, Chair
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Dear Chairman English and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,

Subject: **Support for SB484**

The **Injury Prevention Advisory Committee supports SB484**. This bill provides a financial incentive for motorcycle and motor scooter riders to wear helmets.

Established in 1990, the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (IPAC) is an advocacy group committed to preventing and reducing injuries in Hawai'i. IPAC members include representatives from public and private agencies, physicians and professionals working together to address the eight leading areas of injury, including traffic safety.

Hawai'i's fatality rates before, during, and after the repeal of mandatory helmet use
Fatality rate (/10,000 registered motorcycles) for motorcyclists/moped riders in Hawaii, by period, 1962-2011, FARS/DOT and DOH.

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Although Hawai'i would need a universal helmet law to see our death rate among motorcycle and moped riders drop to a rate similar to the 1968 to 1976 period, SB484 encourages the positive choice of helmet use that could only help us improve from our rather grim statistics. Please support this bill and similar bills that have impact on saving lives and preventing disability.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Sincerely,

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Bruce McEwan
Chair



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Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

February 6, 2013, 1:17 p.m.
Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of S.B. 484, Relating to Transportation. My name is **Wes Lo**, Regional CEO of **Maui Memorial Medical Center**. This measure allows an individual the right to choose a helmet while riding a motorcycle or motor-scooter, but imposes an increased registration for those who choose not to wear a helmet. This bill will take a significant step towards more helmet use in Hawaii.

MMMC is regularly impacted by motorcycle accidents. It is most heartbreaking to watch families lose people they love. Most family members are very aware that this tragedy is preventable, but were unsuccessful in persuading their loved ones to wear helmets. When the patient does survive the traumatic brain injury, the family members are overwhelmed with the amount of care that is needed once the patient leaves the hospital.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC data shows that helmets reduce the risk of death by 37% and the risk of head injury by 69%. This only reinforces the need to strengthen the helmet law in Hawaii.

I am requesting your support to pass this measure in the legislative session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of S.B. 484, Relating to Transportation. My name is **Cherylee Chang, M.D.**, Medical Director of the Neuroscience Institute and Neurocritical Care at The Queen's Medical Center. This allows an individual the right to choose a helmet while riding a motorcycle, motor scooter or moped, but imposes a surcharge for those who chose not to wear a helmet. I suggest amending the measure to incorporate moped ridership, as included in H.B.1105.

As a critical care physician in the Neurological Intensive Care Unit of the only level II trauma center in the state, I have had the perspective of caring for patients who become critically injured while riding without a helmet. We have seen the human toll that results from head injury and seek to prevent this injury, since recovery typically lasts a lifetime if the patient survives.

Helmets save lives. Before an all-rider helmet law was enacted in Hawaii in 1968, 11 people died each year due to motorcycle accidents. With the implementation of an all-rider helmet law, this number dropped by 45% to 6 per year between 1968 and 1977. After the law was repealed, this number increased nearly 3 times and now averages 16-19 deaths per year from motorcycle accidents. Hawaii State data from 2007-2011 shows that riders of motorcycles and mopeds are twice as likely to die if they are not wearing a helmet. The mortality rate of motorcyclists alone was nearly 5x that of helmeted riders (8.4% vs 1.9%).

Helmets prevent injury. Hawaii's state data shows that riders of motorcycles and mopeds are three times more likely to suffer severe head injury if they are not wearing a helmet. Riders who wear helmets are less likely to require hospitalization. These individuals require physical, cognitive and vocational rehabilitation for a lengthy period and often require family members to take a leave of absence from their work to assist the injured individual. These impose not only health care costs, but other costs to the family and to the State. Overall, the odds of sustaining an injury that required hospitalization or resulted in death were 40% higher among unhelmeted riders than helmeted riders.

Using Hawaii statistics, the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration has calculated that over a 13-year period, \$80 million would have been saved in medical costs, lost productivity, vocational rehabilitation, insurance administration, law enforcement, emergency services, legal services and workplace redistribution. This applies only to the fatalities. Hospital charges incurred over a 7-year period for unhelmeted riders were \$29.5 million compared to \$10.2 million for helmeted riders. Twenty-six percent of these payors were Quest, MediCaid or self-pay, i.e. State payors.

From 2007-2011, only 38% of injured riders in Hawaii were wearing helmets at the time of their crash. States that implement all-rider helmet laws find that injuries requiring hospitalization are decreased by 30-40%. When calculating the cost to the State due to Quest/Medicaid admissions from mopeds or motorcycles, a helmet law would save Hawaii \$1.27 to 1.68 million per year for acute hospitalizations alone.

This bill does not require a rider to wear a helmet. It allows an individual the right of free choice but does give incentive for a rider to choose a safer way to ride and prevent brain injury which is life-long and prevent death. Prevention will also save health care dollars and resources. We ask for your support.

References: Injury Prevention and Control Section, Hawai'i State Department of Health, Injuries in Hawaii: 2007-2011; Sept 2012.



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My name is Karen Seth, Director, Neuroscience Institute and Ancillary Services, for The Queen's Medical Center. I would like to offer testimony in strong support of SB 484, Relating to Transportation. This measure will require the designation of helmet use whereby motorcycle and motor scooter riders elect to wear a helmet. This bill is an important step forward in motivating more motorcycle and motor scooter riders to wear helmets. I suggest amending the measure to incorporate moped ridership, as included in H.B.1105.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) latest statistics, Hawaii ranks #45 in the nation for lives saved due to helmet use. Recent statistics from the Hawaii State Department of Health Injury Prevention and Control Branch report the following from the period of 2007 to 2011:

- Deaths among motorcyclists were the 6th leading cause of fatal unintentional injuries in the state with 146 total deaths. Included among those decedents were 27 moped riders.
- Only 27% of those killed were wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.
- Of non-fatal injuries among motorcyclists and moped riders, more than 1000 were treated in EDs each year and another 276 hospitalized. Each of these patients stayed in the hospital for an average of one week, resulting in over \$51,000 in medical charges per hospitalization.
- The chances of hospitalization among these injured riders or of resulting death were 40% higher among unhelmeted riders compared to helmeted riders.
- The unhelmeted riders had more than twice the odds (2.2) of a fatal injury.

These statistics speak for themselves: Helmets save lives. Hawaii needs to strengthen its helmet law. Many of our hospital staff are heartbroken along with family members over young lives cut short due to an injury that could have been prevented.

We ask for your support in the passage of this measure in this legislative session. This proposal will save countless lives from a preventable tragedy and will preserve a higher quality of life for the survivor and the survivor's family.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.



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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of S.B. 484, Relating to Transportation. My name is **Malia Espinda, Legislative Analyst for The Queens Health Systems.**

S.B. 484 is a new approach towards encouraging motorcyclists to choose to wear a helmet. A select number of motorcyclists in Hawaii have long contended to this Legislature that they wish to maintain their freedom to choose to wear a helmet or not. This measure simply creates a legal and financial framework for that choice.

I respectfully suggest amending the measure to incorporate moped ridership, as included in H.B.1105. Furthermore, the details of implementation and options towards ensuring enforcement may need to be vetted as this measure develops, but we ask for the time and opportunity for the Legislature and stakeholders to consider this new approach by allowing it to continue through the legislative process.

I urge you to support and pass this measure out from this committee.



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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of S.B. 484, Relating to Transportation. My name is **Jill Slade**, Nurse Manager of Surgical Units at The Queen's Medical Center. This measure allows an individual the right to choose a helmet while riding a motorcycle or motor-scooter, but imposes an increased registration for those who chose not to wear a helmet. This bill will take a significant step towards more helmet use in Hawaii. I suggest amending the measure to incorporate moped ridership, as included in H.B.1105.

As a registered nurse in the Surgical/Trauma Critical Care unit, I have seen and witness families lose people they love. Most family members are very aware that this tragedy is preventable, but were unsuccessful in persuading their loved ones to wear helmets. When the patient does survive the traumatic brain injury, the family members are overwhelmed with the amount of care that is needed once the patient leaves the hospital. There have been many occasions that families are split up due to the choices that need to be made to care for these patients. Some families have had to make the decision to leave Hawaii and move to the mainland because that is where appropriate care is available.

The evidence is easily assessable. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC data shows that helmets reduce the risk of death by 37% and the risk of head injury by 69%. This only reinforces the need to strengthen the helmet law in Hawaii.

I am requesting your support to pass this measure in the legislative session. This proposal can prevent the severity of injury and loss of life which will provide the patient and family a better quality of life.



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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of S.B. 484, Relating to Transportation. My name is Kawehionalani Kauhola, Nurse Manager for Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit and the Neurology Medical-Surgical Unit with The Queen's Medical Center. This measure allows an individual the right to choose a helmet while riding a motorcycle or motor-scooter, but imposes an increased registration for those who chose not to wear a helmet. This bill will take a significant step towards more helmet use in Hawaii. I suggest amending the measure to incorporate moped ridership, as included in H.B.1105.

According to CDC's latest statistics, Hawaii ranks #45 in the nation for lives saved due to helmet use. This is an astounding statistics and speaks loud and clear for the need for Hawaii to strengthen its helmet law. As a registered nurse whose specialty is in Neuroscience Critical Care, I have seen firsthand the devastating effects of a traumatic brain injury due to a motorcycle or moped crash. If one survives, they often require care that many families are unable to provide and moreover, are unable to find appropriate care in our state. If one does not survive, families are at a loss of how to reconcile the death of their loved one because a helmet was not used, especially since the brain injury could have been prevented.

It is a known published fact that helmets save lives. As such, many states require helmets for motorcycle riders. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), helmets reduce the risk of death by 37% and the risk of head injury by 69%.

I ask for your support in the passage of this measure in this legislative session. This proposal will save countless lives from a preventable tragedy and will preserve a higher quality of life for the survivor and the survivor's family.



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My name is Sally Jones and I am the Trauma Program Manager at The Queen's Medical Center. I am writing in **strong support** of S.B. 484, Relating to Transportation. I feel this bill is a step in the right direction toward requiring riders of two-wheeled motorized vehicles to protect their heads. I suggest amending the measure to incorporate moped ridership, as included in H.B.1105.

I am not going to provide you with national or local statistics about the number of head injuries sustained in accidents where no helmet was worn, nor the number of deaths from severe head injuries where no helmet was worn, nor the dollars spent on medical care at the expense of the taxpayers sitting here today. Though these numbers are impressive, they mean nothing to the family and loved ones of a brain-injured son, brother, friend, or husband; they just want what they can't have: a return to the way things were.

I would invite you to spend some time in our emergency room and witness firsthand the efforts to save the life of a 17 year old mo-ped rider only to end up seeing one of our trauma surgeons pull him or herself together to give the bad news to a family. Or come to our neuro intensive care unit where you will quite likely see a motorcyclist who will live out the rest of his or her life dependent on others for his or her physical care.

Over the past year or two, we've spent many hours discussing how we can prevent our young athletes from suffering permanent brain damage secondary to repeated concussions. I think it's time we devoted some attention to preventing brain damage secondary to having an unprotected head slammed into the pavement or a tree at 25 miles per hour.

I urge you to support S.B. 484 as a unique opportunity to increase helmet use.



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My name is Caesar Ursic and I am a trauma surgeon and the Medical Director of Trauma Service at the Queen's Medical Center, the State of Hawaii's lead trauma center. I have fifteen years of experience treating patients with severe injuries in trauma centers on the US mainland, Australia and now here in Hawaii. I am providing testimony in strong support for S.B. 484, Relating to Transportation, with an amendment to incorporate moped ridership, as included in H.B.1105.

On a daily basis I am involved in the care, directly or indirectly, of patients with severe head trauma. On the frontline, first hand, I see the severe and often life altering consequences of these types of injuries. When they do not result in death, they often leave the patient permanently disabled and unable to perform even the basic activities and functions that we associate with a "normal" life. **An injury to the brain is like no other, because it robs the patient of that which we often consider the source of our humanity** – the ability to think, reason, communicate and remain aware of self, surroundings and loved ones.

Many of these brain injuries can be prevented or minimized. This prevention can be accomplished at minimal cost and effort using a universally proven technique: **the wearing of an approved helmet.**

Of the patients we see at the Queen's Medical Center who are involved in motorcycle and moped crashes, less than 40% wear a helmet. Because of this, more patients die or are permanently incapacitated from head trauma in the State of Hawaii than would occur if all or nearly all motorcyclists wore a helmet at the time of their crash. We already know that helmets save lives, improve outcomes, and reduce financial burden on all tax payers. The subject has been rigorously studied elsewhere. States with high rates of helmet use have lower rates of head injury than states with low helmet use. State that have repealed helmet laws experience a dramatic rise in loss of life from head injuries among motorcyclists. These are facts that cannot be reasonably disputed.

I urge you to support S.B.484 as this provides a new approach towards increased helmet use in the State of Hawaii.



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My name is Cora Speck, and I have worked at The Queen's Medical Center's Trauma Center for over five years. During this time I served as Coordinator for the Queen's Motorcycle and Moped Helmet Safety Project, sponsored by the Hawaii Department of Transportation. I am testifying in strong support of S.B. 484, Relating to Transportation, with an amendment to incorporate moped ridership, as included in H.B.1105.

In this project, 150 DOT-approved helmets were given during three presentations to young, mostly college-age, riders at The University of Hawaii and Roosevelt High School. Presenters were all motorcycle riders who had crashed motorcycles, and included Emergency Room physicians and nurses, and four trauma patients who either did, or did not, choose to wear helmets. These patients included a City & County ambulance driver, a former Special Forces member, a UH Volleyball star, and a Kamehameha varsity football coach.

At the conclusion of each presentation, an average of 88% of audience members said they were in favor of passing a Universal Helmet Law in Hawaii (up from 76% for baseline comparison). Younger riders were more likely to be in favor of helmet laws.

Based on work experience, many riders, especially younger riders, are supportive of helmet laws such as SB484. Younger adult riders are very cognizant that helmets save lives, that head injuries are very costly to society, and that helmet laws save taxpayers money.

I urge you to support S.B.484 as this provides a new approach towards increased helmet use in the State of Hawaii.

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Mike Bates	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I think this bill is a step in the right direction. We get news reports on TV nearly every week about a motorcyclist who was severely injured or died from an accident who was not wearing a helmet. Enough showing off and letting people see your face while riding. Put a helmet on and save your life or prevent brain damage. Or pay a higher tax if you choose not to.

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Andrew Currivan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill and encourage it to address passengers on motorcycles as well as the driver.

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Debra Gagne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support any measure that would encourage motorcyclists to wear helmets

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Robert H.K. Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Penalizing legal, licensed riders for something not prohibited. How would the rest of the State of Hawaii's motorists feel if their registration and license fees were doubled for carrying basic liability insurance instead of full coverage? This is clearly a badly disguised effort at a helmet law without calling it such. The first amendment gives us the freedom of CHOICE, not the freedom to be charged more to exercise that choice. I will reiterate that I am an avid motorcycle rider and at current, the Director of the Honolulu HOG Chapter #0833. We advocate SAFE, RESPONSIBLE riding, as well as rider awareness as well as the CHOICE to wear whatever you are comfortable with. The single, most important component of motorcycle safety is the RIDER, with the proper state of mind. You want to make Hawaii's roads safer for ALL motorists? One in Four vehicles on our roadways are uninsured. That's 25%, take 25% of the cars off the road, watch traffic reduction, and clearly an increase in "aloha" on the roadways. These people that choose to drive uninsured put each of us at risk of injury or death out of sheer disrespect or simply content of the laws we make for the people. We dont need more laws... we need to enforce the ones we already have.

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David R. Marshall	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Nichols	Individual	Support	No

Comments: How much money does it cost the State when a rider not wearing a helmet goes to the hospital after getting head injuries and has no health insurance? This fee could help cover those costs.

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Daniel Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Kikukawa	Individual		No

Comments: I do not oppose the helmet, just like my rights to decide. Helmet riders have been in accidents with vehicles and lost their lives as well. Rider awareness and vehicle drivers awareness (cell phones, radio blasting, etc.) I feel are they key. I have been riding for 13 years and love the freedom to decide how to ride, but always are aware of the OTHER vehicles.

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Scott Shimabukuro	Individual		No

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James L Paul	Individual		No

Comments: Allow people freedom do decide for themselves.

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Zachary Jacobs	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Oppose

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Street Bikers United Hawaii (SBU) Submissions re Bill SB #484

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SBU Recommends That Its Members Oppose Bill SB #484

Everyone who supports *true freedom of choice* on helmet legislation can show their support by stating they oppose Senate bill SB #484 ("SB 484"). If ignored it will take years even if it could ever be reverse and the devastating effect this Helmet Legislation will have caused to the motorcycling and motor scooter communities' fundamental rights and freedoms may be irreversible.

SB #484 Is Helmet Legislation With Severe Penalties For Violators- "It Becomes A Crime If You Change Your Mind"

Make no mistake about it SB 484 is "Helmet Legislation" with up to: (a) \$1,000 fine, (b) 30 days imprisonment and (c) a one (1) year Category (2) Drivers License suspension, or (d) all three of these penalties, for anyone who (in this paper called an "Election Rider") fails to wear the safety helmet with a chin strap securely fastened at all times while riding a motorcycle or motor scooter (once they have "elected" to wear the safety helmet on their driver's license application or renewal application). These penalties are very severe. Under some circumstances these penalties may even be potentially more severe than a 1st time DUI offence in Hawaii (which carries no required incarceration period) or some other serious driving offences (such as careless driving and excess speeding). However, choosing not to wear a helmet (in this paper reference to "helmet" is intended to mean safety helmet as described in SB #484), while owning or operating a motorcycle or motor scooter (in this paper called a "Non-Election Rider"), is legally permissible by this same proposed legislation (SB #484). Furthermore, while these other driving offences are well known to have caused loss of life or serious injury to other users of the road, electing not to wear a safety helmet does not cause any risk of an accident or injury to any other users of the road and it is legal. So why is violating the "election" to wear a safety helmet carry as sever or even more severe penalties than these other serious driving offences under SB #484? Under SB #484 "changing your mind becomes a crime". It is just not fair!

The Severe Penalties Under SB #484 Defy Common Sense Since Election Violators Are Punished For Doing What Is Lawful For Everyone Else To Do

Why are the drafters of SB #484 advocating such severe penalties against those who fail to comply with their voluntary election to wear a safety helmet when they would only be doing what other's can do legally under the same legislation? Choosing not to wear a motorcycle helmet is the right of all adult motorcyclists and motor scooter riders in Hawaii and that right is recognized in SB #484. On one hand SB #484 makes it perfectly legal for motorcycle and motor scooter operators who choose not to wear a helmet by paying double the license fees and double motor vehicle taxes to ride legally without a helmet. On the other hand SB #484 exacts severe penalties on any Election Rider who fails violates their election not to wear a helmet for maybe a few hundred dollars savings in vehicle taxes and driver's licence fees. It is very different kind of violation from these other serious driving offences (i.e. DUI's, Excess Speed and Careless Driving), where a driver is breaking a criminal or traffic law that is applicable equally to everyone in order to protect everyone's safety. Under SB #484 these severe penalties are only being applied against those Election Riders who fail to comply with their election to wear a helmet, all the other motorcycle and motor scooter operators who relied on their rights and freedom of choice "not to elect" and all passengers of motorcycles and motor scooters (even those who

may be riding with Election Riders) are free to not wear a helmet legally without risk of penalty! There is no justice, fairness or even logic to this proposed legislation when it is closely considered under the microscope of “common sense”.

SB #484 Is Not About Road Safety It Is About Unfair “Tax Grab” Legislation Similar To The Kind That Caused A Tea Party In 1773 Near Boston

It is even more ironic and nonsensical that SB #484 does not require motorcycle and motor scooter passengers to use a safety helmet while on a motorcycle, even though the bill threatens drivers and owners (who have elected to use a safety helmet) with fines, imprisonment and drivers license suspensions. SB #484 does not achieve any road safety objectives by requiring only Election Riders to wear helmets, because they elected to do so, but not because it is legally required by all other riders and passengers of motorcycles and motor scooters for safety reasons. Instead it is simply lining a means for city, county and State authorities to “line the pockets of their respective coffers”, as part of a “tax grab” and a “license fee grab” at the expense of law bidding citizens who exercise their legal right not to wear a helmet while operating a motorcycle or motor scooter. It is the kind of high-handed unfair and unjust tax exploitation that prompted a “Tea Party” near Boston in 1773.

Election Indicated On Driver’s License

At section 1 of bill SB #484 it provides “...The examiner of drivers shall issue or renew a license bearing the indication of the applicant's election to wear a safety helmet.” Clearly this is the mechanism for recording those motorcycle and motor scooter operators who make the election (i.e. the Election Riders) under the safety helmet-election scheme (the “safety helmet-election scheme”).

Motorcycles And Motor Scooters Will Now Be Taxed Same As Light Trucks And Passenger Cars Under SB #484 And Double On Non-Elect Riders

At section 2 of bill SB #484 it provides that section 249-13 is amended and it goes on at (a) to provides the council shall determine the rate and minimum tax on motorcycles and scooters, which shall be in accordance with part (c), which in turn provides the vehicle tax shall be: (1) “The same as provided for a passenger vehicle if the owner submits proof to the director of finance that the owner has elected to wear a safety helmet, pursuant to section 286” or (2) “Double the amount prescribed under subsection (a) for motor vehicles if the owner cannot submit proof to the director of finance that the owner has elected to wear a safety helmet, pursuant to section 286-. Under (b) the vehicle taxes for passenger cars and trucks weighing up to 6,500 pounds (over three tons) are the same, which SB #486 proposes will be the same for motorcycles and motor scooters owned by Election Riders and double that for those owned by Non-Election Riders.

Additional New Driver’s License Fees On Election Riders and Double Fees On Non-Election Riders

At section 5 of bill SB #484 it provides that section 286-111 is amended and it goes on to state in part: “The council of each county shall determine an additional fee, which shall be double the amount prescribed under this subsection for an application for a driver's license, if the applicant does not elect, on the application, to wear a safety helmet securely fastened with a chin strap at all times when operating a motorcycle or motor scooter.”

SB #484 Presumes Owners Are Drivers And Its Taxes Create Negative Incentives For Motorcycles And Motor Scooters As Economical; Eco-Friendly, Fuel Efficient; Anti-Traffic And Anti-Parking Congestion Modes of Transportation

It seems clear that the legislation anticipates owners of motorcycles and motor scooters will make their election to wear a safety helmet upon applying for their licence which will provide evidence of proof of

their intention that their motorcycle or motor scooter will be operated by them while wearing a safety helmet. That may not always be the case if someone other than them operates the motorcycle or motor scooter. Also, where the owner of the motorcycle or scooter does not have a Schedule (2) Driver's License (called a "Non-Licensed Owner" in this paper), it will be very difficult for such Non-Licensed Owner's to supply evidence of an election to the "Director", since they will not have a Schedule (2) Drivers Licence indicating their election. So will that result in Non-licenced Owners of motorcycle or motor scooters must automatically being required to pay double the prescribed amount for passenger vehicles, because they will be unable to prove they have a Schedule (2) Drivers Licence indicating their election? It does not even make sense that motorcycle or motor scooter owners are required to pay any vehicle tax much less the same as a passenger vehicle which weighs anything from ten to even twenty times as much and does a proportionately similar amounts of damage to highway surfaces, bridges, curbs and shoulders. Motorcycles and motor scooters are very efficient at moving people and do virtually no damage to road surfaces. They are the Eco-friendly because they contribute lower hydro carbon emissions and pollutants to the environment. Motorcycles and motor scooters are energy/fuel efficient and economical to purchase and operate compared to passenger cars and light trucks. They tend to reduce traffic and parking congestion relative to automobiles by simply occupying less traffic and parking space. By taxing motorcycles and motor scooters equally to the amount paid for passenger cars and light trucks, it is effectively charging between ten (10) to twenty (20) times the gross vehicle weight per pound for motorcycles and motor scooters in comparison to passenger cars and light trucks. With all these advantages for motorcycles and motor scooters in comparison to passenger cars and light trucks it seems bizarre, very imprudent and unfair that SB #484 is proposing to tax motorcycles and motor scooters as "public bads" when it is clear they are "public goods" when compared with automobiles? This proposed legislation bill SB #484 is bad for the environment, bad for traffic and bad economics. SB #484 is a "public bad", plain and simple!

SB #484 Fails To Recognize Helmet Election Legislation Is Not A Public Good Like Seat Belt Legislation And Its Negative Incentives On Rider Discretion Make It A "Public Bad"

It is the worst possible kind of legislation, because it fails to achieve any real "public good" in terms of promoting highway safety objectives as well as failing to achieve energy conservation or environmental protection goals and objectives for Hawaii. There are arguments for and against wearing safety helmets to reduce some kinds of injuries suffered by motorcycle and motor scooter users, while actually increasing the risks of other kinds of injuries for those same users. Unlike seatbelts used in automobiles that universally reduces the severity of seatbelt users injuries and never interfere with a drivers ability to safely operate the automobile under all circumstances; helmets do not universally reduce the severity of the riders injuries in a collision and they can reduce the severity of some kinds of head injuries while actually increasing the risk of neck injuries. Helmets can and do obscure the operator's peripheral vision and hearing ability, which may increase the rider's vulnerability to collision by decreasing perception and response capacities. So although SBU recognizes helmets may be effective in reducing some kinds of head injuries they are not capable of reducing all kinds of motorcycle and motor scooter injuries and they can actually increase the risk of a collision where a rider's perception and response senses may be impaired by the design of the helmet. That is why, unlike seatbelt legislation which is universally mandatory for all vehicle occupants, SBU favors the existing State laws, which provide the adult users of motorcycles and motor scooters with the right and freedom to decide whether wearing a helmet is preferable both from a safety and comfort perspective. SBU believes adult users of motorcycles and motor scooters are familiar and experienced with the advantages and disadvantages of wearing a helmet especially with their riding style and conditions under which they may decide to wear or not wear a helmet. There can be situations where a rider who regularly does not wear a helmet may elect to wear one or a rider who regularly does wear a helmet may elect not to wear one. Those kinds of judgment calls are based on specific circumstances that the rider is in the best position to determine.

The “one size fits all legislation” like SB #484 cannot accommodate those kinds of special circumstances and may make it very problematic for some riders who have to make difficult choices between their own safety and their election to wear a helmet. For instance a rider who regularly wears a helmet may find that he cannot see the road at night through his visor due to fogging or he may not see the shoulders and uneven road surface at night because of his helmet restricts his lower or side peripheral vision. Sometimes a rider can hear a car approach in a blind spot before he see it, which can help to avoid a potential unsafe lane changes; but this is less likely where the rider is wearing a full face helmet which obstructs and dampens the rider’s peripheral hearing capability. Those may be examples of occasions where some riders who regularly wear a helmet may feel it would be safer not wear their helmet. SB #484 makes it a crime for Election Rider’s to make those judgement calls. SBU considers that wrong and unsafe, which also makes SB #484 a “Public Bad” from a rider safety discretion perspective.

SB #484 Is Regressive And Counterproductive; Creates Disincentives; No Re-election Rights; Creates Administrative Licensing Complications; “Makes It A Crime To Change Your Mind”

Instead of achieving a public good such as a road safety objectives, SB #484 appears to be focused on revenue generations for the State, but in the most regressive and counterproductive manner. SB #484 increases vehicle taxes and driver’s license fees for Non-Election Riders. This is a disincentive for those operators and owners to use motorcycles and motor scooters. At the same time SB #484 makes riding a motorcycle or motor scooter less attractive to Election Riders by creating increased risks of potentially severe fines, imprisonment and suspensions if those Election Riders fail to wear a helmet on a particular future occasion or perhaps they change their minds and decide to “re-elect” not to wear a helmet after trying it and finding it does not feel safe, comfortable or otherwise suit their particular riding style. In that case, since there is no provision for re-election under SB #484 and since a Category (2) Drivers Licence has a ten (10) years term, they are “stuck” with their original “election” or face the risk of severe fines, imprisonment and suspensions for the next ten years until they are able to renew their driver’s licence and make their re-election not to wear a helmet at that future time. Even if SB #484 did contemplate a “re-election” process it would be horrendously expensive for the motorcycle or motor scooter driver or owner to attempt to “re-elect”, because there would likely be back fines, tax reassessments, even re-election penalties. Also, the various departments responsible for issuing Category (2) Drivers Licences in Hawaii would be very frustrated with and overburdened by re-elections requiring reissuance of driver’s licences with the appropriate “helmet election designation” on the driver’s licences. This may even be further complicated by the new “federal” identity card provisions for drivers licenses that give state drivers licences a federal security identity component. Any “re-election” provisions would be very inconvenient if it required a new driver’s licence to show there was a change to the helmet election status on the Hawaii Category (2) Driver’s License. So it is assumed that re-election is not possible or anticipated by SB 484 for administrative ease. It means SB #484 “Makes it a crime to change your mind”, which SBU considers unacceptable.

SB #484 Creates A Two-Tier Licensing Scheme For Haves And Have-Nots

SB #484 creates a “two-tier” Category (2) Driver’s License system, where those that have the money or prefer to protect their rights and freedom to chose when and where to use a helmet while riding a motorcycle or motor scooter, will pay the extra vehicle taxes and driver’s license fees to protect and preserve those rights and freedoms. Even those who regularly wear motorcycle helmets when operating a motorcycle or motor scooter will be inclined to pay the extra money, if they can afford it, just to ensure they are never caught by risks of potentially severe fines, imprisonment and driver’s license suspensions for failure to wear a helmet for any reason or to avoid the problem of not having the right to “re-elect” not to wear a safety helmet for ten year term of their driver’s license. Only the less fortunate and financially challenged riders and owners of motorcycles and motor scooters (i.e. those with lower

incomes, the unemployed, or marginally employed, students, the young persons over 18 years of age), will be forced to elect to wear the helmets and suffer the consequences later if they fail to wear those helmets (usually costing \$200 – \$300), when they are the ones least able to afford those helmets.

Two-Tier Helmet-Election Scheme Creates Aberrant Effects For Helmet Users. The Poor And Is Probably Unconstitutional

The resulting draconian effect of this “two-tier” **helmet-election scheme** for many riders who actually regularly wear helmets will be to pay the extra money for vehicle taxes and driver’s license fees just to preserve their legal rights and freedom of choice not to wear a helmet. This makes SB #484 a badly designed piece of legislation by punishing users and non-users of helmets alike by unnecessary and ineffective double vehicle taxes and double license fees. Just as wrong and probably unconstitutional, is the “effective mandating” the **helmet-election scheme** on those poor and financially less fortunate persons who have only marginal financial means and therefore own or operate a motorcycle or motor scooter “**because it is all they can afford**”. They may not even be able to afford a safety helmet of the kind prescribed by the “director” under HRS section 286-81(a) (1) and the regulations. However, these persons will face **up to (a) \$1,000 fine, (b) 30 days imprisonment and (c) a one (1) year Category (2) Drivers License suspension, or (d) all three of these penalties, for anyone who fails to wear the safety helmet at all times while riding a motorcycle or motor scooter** not because they want to wear a helmet or feel safer wearing a helmet, but **because they do not have the financial means to exercise their right not to wear a helmet and to protect their rights and freedom of choice** the same way other more well-off and financially fortunate motorcycle and motor scooter owners and operators can and will do.

SBU Supports Freedom Of Choice re Helmets And A MTC-Election Scheme With Positive Incentives

SBU does not oppose helmet use by its members or anyone in the motorcycle and motor scooter communities. SBU in fact promotes freedom of choice whether a rider or passenger feels comfortable and safe either electing to wear a safety helmet or not, is their personal choice and is supported by SBU whichever way they choose to ride. However, when it comes to road safety there are much more effective and productive ways to reduce the number and severity of motor vehicle accidents and the tragedy of human loss, injury and damage caused by motor vehicle accidents in Hawaii. SBU supports all kinds of road safety initiatives that reduce motor vehicle accidents including all forms of driver education, which could give motorcycle or motor scooter owners and operators the election to take the State supported motorcycle training course (“MTC”) when applying for their category (2) Driver’s License or upon renewal of their driver’s license, with financial incentives, contemplated in SB#484, but by reducing vehicle taxes and driver’s licences fees for those riders that have successfully completed the MTC. Where such motorcycle or motor scooter operators elect to spend the money and time to complete the MTC they would be entitled to those financial benefits and the driving public would be the big winners, **but there is no place for the fines, imprisonment or license suspensions that bill SB #484 contemplates if the such motorcycle or motor scooter operators choose not to spend the money and time taking the MTC.** The difference between the election to take the MTC program on one hand and electing to wear a helmet under the SB #484 **helmet-election scheme** on the other hand is that the **MTC-election scheme** would be consistent with the existing private insurance policies of rewarding owners and operators of motorcycles and motor scooters with the financial incentives of lower insurance rates (by reducing vehicle taxes and driver’s licence fees) for possessing better rider training skills which creates safer drivers/riders and **therefore, results in less accidents.**

SB #484- Helmet-Election Scheme Creates Negative Incentives And Is Probably Unconstitutional

Unfortunately, the helmet-election scheme creates the opposite incentives and safety related results than the MTC-election system.

The SB #484 helmet-election scheme has many failings and undesirable consequences:

Is Harsh And Unfair To The Poor-Probably Unconstitutional

- (a) It creates a “two-tier” licencing system, which is harsh and unfair to the poor and financially disadvantaged persons, and it is probably unconstitutional as a result¹².

Ineffective Safety-Wise In Reducing Accidents

- (b) It is ineffective in reducing accidents because, as it fails to create any positive incentives for motorists or operators of motorcycles and motor scooters to drive safely, improve their driving skills or avoid unsafe driving habits.

No Clear Incentive To Wear Helmets

- (c) It does not even succeed in encouraging riders, owners and passengers of motorcycles and motor scooters to “elect” to use helmets. It only forces a small group of the motorcycle and motor

¹ See United States Constitution 14th Amendment providing in part at section 1 “*No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.*”

² See also The Constitution of the State of Hawaii, which adopts the US Constitution in its Preamble and Section 2 recites *Rights Of Individuals* “*All persons are free by nature and are equal in their inherent and inalienable rights. Among these rights are the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and the acquiring and possessing of property.*” Section 5 recites in part the 14th Amendment language “*...No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor be denied the equal protection of the laws...*”

It is submitted that the effect of these constitutional principles governs all legislation in Hawaii and covers the proposed language contained in SB #484, to protect and safe guard Hawaiian residents as United States citizens from exposure to any laws which seek to deny equal protection to all persons subject to the jurisdiction of the respective Constitutions. Therefore, where the language in SB #484 seeks to compel any persons who are owners or operators of motorcycles or motor scooters to relinquish their right to be treated differently in law by reason of electing to wear a safety helmet at all times while riding a motorcycle or motor scooter, that legislation must preserve those persons rights to equal protection of the laws. Under the proposed SB #484 language; where some persons riding motorcycles and motor scooters are entitled to ride without a safety helmet, legally and without fear of penalty (i.e. fines, imprisonment or drivers licence suspensions) merely because either they are passengers or they refuse to agree with the State authorities to by electing to wear a helmet on their Category (2) Driver’s License application, as is their legal right to do, while other persons are subject to police citation and severe penalties with full force of the law for also riding without a helmet, which they previously elected not to do whether by choice or solely due to financial incapacity to do otherwise, the effect does not constitute equal protection of the laws. By definition equal protection requires all persons be treated equally by the same laws regardless of their voluntary elections or their financial capacity.

The fact that it is legal to own and operate a motorcycle or motor scooter without a helmet in Hawaii under SB #484 subject to the election to wear a helmet when applying for a Category (2) Driver’s License or renewal thereof, also means that where a motorcycle and motor scooter owner or operator elects voluntarily to wear a safety helmet that election has not changed the law itself, which preserves the constitutional right and freedom of motorcycle or motor scooter owners and operators not to wear a helmet. All that their election has done is bind them to a form of agreement not to rely on their inherent right to equal treatment under the law in consideration for reduced vehicle taxes and driver’s license fees. Therefore, the constitutional sections and the 14th Amendment guarantee the motorcycle or motor scooter owners and operators shall have the right to equal protection of the laws, which necessitates that as long as the law permits citizens to chose not to wear a helmet while owning or operating a motorcycle or motor scooter then SB #484 must also afford Election Riders the reciprocal opportunity to “re-elect” not to wear a safety helmet at all times while owning and operating a motorcycle or motor scooter, in order to preserve their constitutional right to equal protection of the laws. It is unconstitutional for SB #484 to deny a right of re-election whenever the Election Rider as a citizen wishes to assert their right to equal protection of the laws.

scooter riders to become Election Riders, because they cannot afford to pay the higher vehicle taxes and higher driver's license fees to protect their legal rights and freedom to choose not to wear a helmet.

Not Eco-Friendly Legislation

- (d) It is environmentally inefficient as it discourages motorcycles and motor scooters to be used on roads and highways in Hawaii by making them comparatively more expensive to purchase and operate due to proportionately higher vehicle taxes and drivers license fees as compared to automobiles (as much as 10 to 20 times the gross vehicle weight per pound when comparing motorcycles and motor scooters to automobiles). This inconsistent with the States general pro Eco-Friendly policies, which should favor motorcycles and motor scooters over automobiles where these former modes of transportation are more fuel efficient, cause lower pollution emissions, are more economical to purchase and operate and reduce traffic congestion and parking problems by comparison to automobiles.

Discriminates Against Owners/Non-Category (2) Driver's Licenses-Probably Unconstitutional

- (e) It discriminates against the Non-Licensed Owners of motorcycles and motor scooters, who as parents, spouses and friends, may choose to own the motorcycle or motor scooter, but do not intend to drive it and do not have a Category (2) Driver's License. These persons will likely have great difficulty "proving" to the "Director" they elect to ride with a helmet pursuant to section 286-81 in compliance with the proposed bill SB #484, which appears to require that they must produce their driver's licence to prove they made the election on their Category (2) Driver's License as evidence of such "proof". This is another situation that could render SB #484 unconstitutional.³

Fails To Promote Road Safety Objectives

- (f) In light of all its other failings and shortcomings, one of its fundamental flaws is that SB #484 does not do anything to reduce accidents, improve safe driving or motorcycle/motor scooter and automobile safety awareness for operators of motorcycles and motor scooter or drivers of automobiles. SB #484 merely uses threats of potentially severe fines, imprisonment and long term driver's license suspensions to make a sub-section of all of motorcycle and motor scooter

³ Ibid fn 1 & 2, the same constitutional provisions would apply, but in this case the breach of constitutionality arises by reason that it would appear the legislative scheme is designed to ensure owners and operators of motorcycles and motor scooters can prove they have made the election to wear a safety helmet by producing a Category (2) Driver's License, which presumes that as the owner and driver of that motorcycle or motor scooter it will be taxed at the lower vehicle tax rate under section 248-13. Therefore, an owner of a motorcycle and motor scooter would not be guaranteed their constitutional right to equal protection of the laws if they were forced to pay double the vehicle tax simply because they did not have a Category (2) Driver's Licence and no other way to prove they were electing to wear a safety helmet to operate the motorcycle or motor scooter since they were never going to operate the motorcycle or motor scooter themselves. The Non-Licensed Owners, who do not have Category (2) Driver's Licenses are entitled to the same treatment before the law as owners with a Category (2) Driver's License and it would be a breach of their constitutional rights to equal protection to automatically charge them double taxes without affording them a reasonable opportunity to prove their intention to elect to use a helmet. Otherwise the law regarding who may own a motorcycle or motor scooter would have to be changed to prohibit anyone who does not have a Category (2) Driver's Licence from owning a motorcycle or motor scooter.

A similar kind of dilemma is created by a motorcycle and motor scooter owner who has a motorcycle or motor scooter and has elected to wear a helmet on their Category (2) Driver's Licence, but lends or rents their motorcycle or motor scooter to a rider who has not elected to wear a safety helmet on their Category (2) Driver's Licence. The safety helmet-election scheme is rife with potential abuse because it attempts to misuse driver's license registration and vehicle registration tax systems to indirectly force helmet use by owners and operators of motorcycles and motor scooters. It is like using a hammer and chisel to thread a needle. The wrong tools just make the whole process dysfunctional and do more harm than good.

operators and owners “elect” to wear helmets, because they cannot afford to refuse to elect to wear a helmet and protect their rights and freedom of choice not to wear a helmet. Those that can afford to protect their right to chose not to wear a helmet will do so even if they regularly wear helmets.

No Re-election Mechanism-Probably Unconstitutional

- (g) Finally, since bill SB #484 has **no mechanism for “re-electing”** not to wear a helmet at a future time and given that a Category (2) Driver’s License is issued for ten (10) years, and the severity of the penalties in terms of fines, imprisonment and driver’s license suspensions, SB #484 may even have the unintended and ironic effect of forcing motorcycle and motor scooter drivers and owners who regularly wear a helmet to **NOT elect** to wear a helmet on their driver’s license application just to preserve and protect their rights and freedoms to choose not to wear a helmet in the future or to avoid the potentially harsh penalties if they fail to wear a helmet. Some persons may even be concerned with the potential consequences of **being accused or alleged to have failed to wear a helmet with a securely fastened chin strap at all times while operating their motorcycle or motor scooter, by insurers, law enforcement or other government officials** for any reason, which is avoided by retaining Non-Election Rider status. The language and penalties in the proposed legislation under section 286-81 effectively creates a “strict liability offence”, since once there is some evidence of a violation of the election then the driver or owner of a motorcycle or motor scooter must prove that they did not fail to **“to wear a safety helmet securely fastened with a chin strap at all times when operating a motorcycle or motor scooter”**. Although the penalty section language seems to omit the phrase **“securely fastened with a chin strap at all times”** and only specifies the wearing of a safety helmet at all times when operating a motorcycle or motor scooter, the effect is essentially the same.

SB #484 Creates A Legal Conundrum Since Re-election Not To Wear A Safety Helmet Is Both The Alleged Violation And A Constitutionally Protected Right

- (h) The following sections 3 and 4, combine to make any motorcycle or motor scooter operator liable for police citations, prosecution and potentially severe penalties if they fail to wear a safety helmet at all times in violations of section 286-81(a)(1) as if they have committed an offence when in fact they have simply “re-elected” to exercise the rights they elected not to exercise at an earlier time during their driver’s license application and a right all other adult motorcycle and motor scooter owners, operators and even their passengers are legally entitled to do. That is, not wear a safety helmet while riding a motorcycle or motor scooter.

At section 3 of bill SB #484 it provides that section 286-81 shall read in part:

"(a) No person shall:

(1) Operate a motorcycle or motor scooter, on any highway in the State unless the person and any passenger the person carries on the motorcycle or motor scooter wears:

(A) Safety glasses, goggles, or a face shield, in the case of a motorcycle or motor scooter that is not equipped with windscreens or windshields; and

(B) Any other protective devices, **other than a safety helmet**, required by rules adopted by the director;

provided that a category (2) licensed driver who has indicated the election to wear a safety helmet, pursuant to section 286-, shall be required to wear a safety helmet at all times when operating a motorcycle or motor scooter.”

At section 4 of bill SB #484 it provides that section 286-82 shall read in part:

"§286-82 Penalty. (a) Whoever violates this part shall be fined not more than \$1,000, except as provided in subsection (b).

(b) Any person who violates section 286-81(a)(1) shall be subject to a citation by the police and shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, thirty days' imprisonment, a one year driver's license suspension, or any combination thereof, for each violation."

Enforcement Problems And Issues Created By The SB #484-Helmet Election Scheme

- (i) Since the language and penalties in the proposed legislation under section 286-81 effectively creates a "strict liability offence", once some evidence of the offence is provided by a law enforcement officer, vehicle registration and taxation department or even the city and county driver's license department, that the driver or owner of a motorcycle or motor scooter has violated their election to wear a safety helmet at all times, then the accused owner or operator of a motorcycle or motor scooter must prove that they did not fail "to wear a safety helmet securely fastened with a chin strap at all times when operating a motorcycle or motor scooter". Although the penalty section language seems to omit the phase "securely fastened with a chin strap at all times" and only specifies the wearing of a safety helmet at all times when operating a motorcycle or motor scooter, the effect is essentially the same. It may be a very difficult allegation to disprove since there may be no witnesses, no accident, no damage, and no physical evidence to show that the owner or operator was actually violating their election to wear a helmet. Photo radar and video cams may be very effective law enforcement tools for enforcing this proposed legislation or even just a police officer's cell phone camera. However, the **helmet-election scheme** may also be difficult for the police to administer and enforce since under the proposed legislation a very large portion of the motorcycle and motor scooter community will remain legally entitled to own and operate a motorcycles or motor scooters without wearing a helmet. There is no way to pull over every rider who does not wear a helmet since most of them will likely be Non-Election Riders legally entitled not to wear a helmet. Therefore, law enforcement officers may find it futile to bother attempting to enforce the legislation until an accident or other form of traffic incident has actually occurred. However, in SBU's submission by the time something like an motor vehicle accident or traffic incident has occurred it is already too late, if the focus is on preventing or reducing the number and severity of motor vehicle accidents and the tragedy of human loss, injury and damage caused by motor vehicle accidents in Hawaii. If that is the objective then the above described **MTC-election scheme** would be preferable policy route to the **helmet-election scheme** from a road safety perspective. Also **MTC-election scheme** meets other goals and objectives related to social fairness, legal and constitutional issues, environmental considerations, economic efficiencies, energy conservation, effective taxation incentives, traffic and parking considerations, law enforcement issues, drivers licensing administration concerns, law enforcement, drivers licensing administration, enforcement and policing issues. The **MTC-election scheme** just makes more common sense.

Conclusions:

There is nothing about bill SB #484 that SBU, its members and the motorcycle or motor scooter communities can endorse as being preferable to the present laws, which already protects the rights and freedoms of adult motorcycle or motor scooter owners, operators and passengers to exercise their judgement and experience in determining when and where to wear a safety helmet as well as other forms of safety apparel and accessories while riding motorcycles or motor scooters in Hawaii.

The **MTC-election scheme** as outlined in these submissions would be a preferable route to follow for the relevant state, city and county authorities concerned with promotion of traffic safety and creating legally appropriate, efficient and effective incentives for promoting motorcycle and motor scooter safe driving skills to as well as achieving many other compatible goals and objectives as outline in this position paper.

On behalf of SBU, I thank the Chair and members of the Senate committee for the opportunity to present testimony on SB 484 on behalf of Street Bikers United of Hawaii.

Bruce Paige

Bruce Paige, SBU Legislative/Government Advisor

I, Tadashi Mitsuoka, am a resident of Hawaii. I have a Hawaii drivers license with a motorcycle Class operator and I am an owner/operator of a motorcycle registered since 1999 in Hawaii. I have taken motorcycle safety and advanced motorcycle safety courses. I have experienced riding in Hawaii and on the Mainland; with over 90,000 miles driven. I wear a motorcycle full-face helmet and full riding gear when operating a motorcycle. I have met many riders on my travels, some with obvious damage and loose or broken chin straps on their safety helmets; some with questionable types of 'safety helmets,' e.g., a head covering in the shape of a WW II combat helmet; and, countless numbers of eye protection devices.

References used as part of this testimony are available upon request.

I am opposed to Senate Bill 484.

SB484, as written, specifies election of wearing of a safety helmet with a chin strap at all times when operating a motorcycle or motor scooter, establishes a double motor vehicle tax penalty for non-selection of this election by the individual making a license application, and doubles the application fee for the same.

The proposed bill as written is vague; does not indicate the type of safety helmet (there are many types); falls short of specifying whether the chin strap is required to be secured; how much tension there must be on the chin strap when the safety helmet is affixed to the head of the rider; and, what the legal ruling would be in the event of a failed or broken chin strap, visor, safety helmet padding, external shell, and/or internal protective shell.

Further; there is no consideration in SB484 of service-life expectancy or state inspection of safety helmets. Most motorcycle helmet manufacturers recommend replacement at 5 year intervals; and immediately, if every dropped.

In matters of the saving of lives in Helmet Studies since 1980's, the most famous study of all, the Hurt Study Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures, shows no question that a helmet protects the head, reducing injury severity. The main question that researchers want to answer is whether the likelihood of neck injury is more significant than the likelihood of a helmet saving the riders life.

The same data that was used in the Hurt Report was also used in another paper by Dr. Jonathan P. Goldstein, Ph.D. His analysis showed some facts that the Hurt Report overlooked. Although the data showed that motorcycle riders wearing helmets suffer from fewer head injuries, it failed to elaborate on what that really means. Helmet use had little significance in saving lives given that an accident had occurred. What does that mean? It means that those who do crash are rarely saved by their helmets. Their head injuries are less severe, but they die anyway. In accidents where the rider died, it made no difference if the rider wore a helmet or not.

Let's examine some trend data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA). Motorcycle rider fatalities, following a longer-term trend, declined each year from 1993 to 1997, reaching a historic low of 2,116 in 1997. Motorcycle rider fatalities increased each year between 1997 and 2003 with a total increase of 1,476 or 70 percent. According to early estimates, 43,220 people died in traffic crashes in 2003, a net change of 405 from 2002 (see Table). In the same period, motorcycle crash fatalities increased by 348. While other types of crashes have also contributed to the net increase in fatalities, motorcycles, which made up about 2 percent of all registered vehicles and 0.3 percent of all vehicle miles traveled (VMT), sure (VMT and registered vehicles accounted for over 8 percent of the fatalities in 2003 compared to 5 percent in 1997, a significant increase

as a component of the annual loss of life in traffic crashes.

Motorcycle Rider Fatalities and Trends in Summary Statistics

Fatalities	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003*
Total Fatalities	42,013	41,501	41,717	41,945	42,196	42,815	43,220
Change	---	- 512	+ 216	+ 228	+ 251	+ 619	+405
Motorcycle Rider Fatalities	2,116	2,294	2,483	2,897	3,197	3,244	3,592
Change	---	+ 178	+ 189	+ 414	+ 300	+ 47	+348
Motorcycle Riders (% of Total)□	5.0%	5.5%	6.0%	6.9%	7.6%	7.6%	8.3%

□ Source: FARS 1997-2001 (Final), 2002 (ARF), 2003 (EAF)

Annual U.S. motorcycle deaths

Year	Deaths
1994	2,320
1995	2,227
1996	2,161
1997	2,116
1998	2,294
1999	2,483
2000	2,897
2001	3,197†
2002	3,244
2003	3,661‡
2004	4,028
2005	4,576
2006	4,837
2007	5,174
2008	5,312
2009	4,462
2010	3,615[3]
† some NHTSA lists show 3,181	
‡ some NHTSA lists show 3,714	

The above statistics are national U.S. figures; Hawaii's fatalities for motorcyclists were less than most other states over the same period.

In another study, traumatic brain injury is the leading cause of death from sports-related injuries. According to an American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) study utilizing CPSC data, there were an estimated 446,788 sports-related head injuries treated at U.S. hospital emergency rooms in 2009. This number represents an increase of nearly 95,000 sports-related injuries from the prior year. All of the 20 sports noted below posted increases in the number of injuries treated in 2009, except for trampolines, which posted 52 fewer injuries in 2009. The following 20 sports /recreational activities represent the categories contributing to the highest number of estimated head injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms in 2009.

Cycling: 85,389
 Football: 46,948

Baseball and Softball: 38,394
 Basketball: 34,692
 Water Sports (Diving, Scuba Diving, Surfing, Swimming, Water Polo/Skiing, Water Tubing): 28,716
 Powered Recreational Vehicles (ATVs, Dune Buggies, Go-Carts, Mini bikes, Off-road): 26,606
 Soccer: 24,184
 Skateboards/Scooters: 23,114
 Fitness/Exercise/Health Club: 18,012
 Winter Sports (Skiing, Sledding, Snowboarding, Snowmobiling): 16,948
 Horseback Riding: 14,466
 Gymnastics/Dance/Cheerleading: 10,223
 Golf: 10,035
 Hockey: 8,145
 Other Ball Sports and Balls, Unspecified: 6,883
 Trampolines: 5,919
 Rugby/Lacrosse: 5,794
 Roller and Inline Skating: 3,320
 Ice Skating: 4,608

There is also a study data from the National Athletic Trainer Association (NATA) injury surveillance program that was designed to assess the impact that sport-related risk factors have on the incidence of injuries among high school varsity athletes. The distribution of the NATA study sample by size of school enrollment was similar to size of school distribution reported by the National Center for Education Statistics in 1994.

A total of 114 high schools participated for 3 years of the study, 42 recorded data for 2 of the 3 school years, and 79 (27 in 1995, 20 in 1996, and 32 in 1997) contributed complete data for only 1 school year. Because not all schools offered all 10 sports, the number of team-seasons (1 team in 1 season) for each sport varied. For the majority of schools, 1 athletic trainer recorded data for all sports. Table 1, below, reveals some of the study findings.

Table 1. Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Cases, Injury Rates, and Rates per 1000 Athlete Exposures

	High Sports					Low Sports				
	Football	Basketball	Baseball	Soccer	Wrestling	Football	Field Hockey	Softball	Gymnastics	Volleyball
Total number	201	40	40	315	30	20	17	11	20	25
Number of seasons	201	201	210	315	30	20	17	11	20	25
Number of MTDI cases (% of all MTDI)	15.4%	51.5%	7.7%	6.6%	17.0%	6.5%	12.1%	25.0%	16.0%	6.8%
Percentage of all participants injured (% of all)	17.9%	36.0%	13.2%	24.1%	44.0%	26.5%	25.0%	27.3%	43.5%	18.4%
Team-season 22% CI*	0.00011-0.0002	0.00034-0.0009	0.00018-0.0003	0.00019-0.0003	1.52E-05-0.0003	1.04E-05-0.0002	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003
1000 athlete exposures	0.00011-0.0002	0.00034-0.0009	0.00018-0.0003	0.00019-0.0003	0.00019-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003
1000 team-season exposures	0.00011-0.0002	0.00034-0.0009	0.00018-0.0003	0.00019-0.0003	0.00019-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003
1000 person-year exposures	0.00011-0.0002	0.00034-0.0009	0.00018-0.0003	0.00019-0.0003	0.00019-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003	0.00011-0.0003
Total number of MTDI cases (% of all)	15.4%	51.5%	7.7%	6.6%	17.0%	6.5%	12.1%	25.0%	16.0%	6.8%

* 95% confidence interval for team-season exposure
 † 95% confidence interval for person-year exposure

Consider that motor vehicle insurance pays for many of the medical and work losses resulting from highway crashes. Insurance information is critical to understanding crash costs and who pays them.

In summary:

Far more people die every year in auto and other types of motor vehicle accidents than do motorcyclists; far more people suffer sports-related head injuries; far more high school students suffer mild traumatic brain injury; and, insurance claims costs are greater in the majority of other types of vehicles: than, when compared in similar categories to motorcycles.

The legislative consideration in SB 484 is misdirected and falls short of minimizing head injury or traumatic brain injury in Hawaii.

Requiring motorcycle operators to wear appropriate safety gear and apparel that potentially may reduce injury or save more lives; is unenforceable in a society of extreme sport activities, personal preference, and creature comfort.

To levy increased license fees for Hawaii operators who elect not to wear such safety gear discriminates against one segment of society while clearly allowing other segments to continue the status quo; is objectionable.

SB 484 will not save lives nor prevent injury nor reduce medical costs.

SB 484 will decrease the number of motorcycle license applications in Hawaii.

I thank the Chair and members of the Senate committee for the opportunity to present testimony on SB 484.

Tadashi Mitsuoka

Re: SB No. 484 Testimony in opposition to the bill

To whom this may concern,

Having been a motorcycle rider for thirty five years I am opposed to SB 484 for the following reasons.

Over the years helmet bills have come up over and over again and are always defeated thus sending a clear message to the government that the people are opposed to laws restricting their freedom to choose whether or not to wear a helmet.

This bill is a clear attempt to undermine "the peoples will" by forcing riders to wear helmets under the guise that they are still free to choose, but if they choose not to wear a helmet they will be severely penalized.

In today's economy, who can afford the double registration fee, threats of fines ranging from \$100 to \$1000, 30 days imprisonment and one year driver's license suspension. To me this is not a choice it is intimidation.

In addition to the above It always comes up "helmets save lives", but as stated in a recent the CDC report. "During 2008-2010, a total of 14,283 motorcyclists were killed in crashes, among whom 6,057 (42%) were not wearing a helmet." * Therefore 58% of fatalities were wearing helmets, thus negating the popular belief that helmets are the catch all, end all safety device for riders.

Sincerely,

Charles Uyehara

*Helmet Use Among Motorcyclists Who Died in Crashes and Economic Cost Savings Associated With State Motorcycle Helmet Laws – United States, 2008-2010, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 15, 2012

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to appose any type of law forcing motorcyclists to wear a helmet. I have been a motorcyclist for over 25 years. I have logged over 500,000 miles through those 25+ years and I have always worn a helmet. But I don't feel that everyone who owns and rides a motorcycle should be forced to wear one. I have been in 4 major accidents and it was because of my helmet that saved me. However, because I have used a helmet for as long as I have I can honestly say that it can also cause a slower reaction to a possible accident.

My third accident could have possibly been prevented had my peripheral vision not been blocked by my helmet.

I believe that our government officials should address a much larger and growing problem, which is moped riders and their illegal modified scooters. These scooters have been known to exceed over 70 mph, which is highly illegal. But yet we see AND hear them everywhere.

The most recent road fatality was by a teenager riding an illegally modified scooter who was going to meet another large group of illegal scooter owners, who was going on a memorial run for *another* illegal scooter fatality.

I don't think our legislature should be forcing a helmet laws upon law abiding motorcyclists when they can't even enforce the current laws that are being constantly and blatantly abused.

Sincerely,

Wyman Chang
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Hawaii State Legislature
In Reference to the propose Bill #SB484

To Whom it May Concern:

I have recently reviewed the proposed Bill SB484 requiring category 2 licenses to wear a helmet while operating a motorcycle or motor scooter.

While I personally choose to wear a helmet while riding, I oppose a law requiring others do so. I believe this should remain a personal choice and those who do not wear a helmet accept their own risks. I also believe a better effort for rider safety and protection would be to support defensive riding courses such as the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) courses and similar organizations

Please reconsider the moving forward with this bill and allow riders to make their own choice.

Sincerely,

Signed:

Andrew D. Tice

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As a motorcycle rider and enthusiast for over 40 years I am in opposition of the proposed measure. I have always believed that the use of a helmet when operating a motorcycle does not ensure that the user will be safe. The use of a motorcycle safety helmet in and of itself does not guarantee that the user will operate his motorcycle safely, nor does it ensure that operators of automobiles, trucks, and buses, would be less likely to not see you. However, I am inclined to belief that mandatory motorcycle rider education coupled with vehicle operator awareness would lead to a safer motoring environment for all.

Motor vehicle collisions are a direct result of a motor vehicle being in motion, and an operator(s) error in the operation of said motor vehicle which results in damage, injury, and or death. Does the use of a safety helmet decrease the possibility of error?

Does training in the use of equipment, weather it's a motorcycle or other apparatus, by its operator in everyday life help to make that person proficient with its use, and thus safer?

I agree that the use of a helmet, "MAY," decrease the resulting injury or injuries sustained by the operator of a motorcycle. However, if we can reduce the errors associated with the operation of a motorcycle, wouldn't it stand to reason that we would also decrease the incidents of motor vehicle collisions and its resulting damages, injuries, and deaths?

Furthermore, I oppose SB484 and its requirement to levy a 100% increase in the vehicle weight tax and licensing fee for those that elect not to always wear a helmet. This requirement is draconian in nature and is a punitive measure and a form of punishment that is overly harsh relative to the transgression. On the surface it looks to be an option that is being given to the motorcycle rider, however it appears it is being done for the purpose of making an example for others, to deter them from doing the same and is being required out of fear, or anger, or simply said, "Do as I Say, or Pay!". Ah, another form of taxation without representation.

Do we next start charging an additional fee for those attending sporting events and not cheering for the home team?

Do we now start charging fees to those of us that disagree with another's point of view?

Do we start charging double the licensing and vehicle registration fees to those that opt out of electing to be an organ donor when renewing their drivers' license? We all know organ donations saves lives.

Thank You for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lesther calipjo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Garrett Casse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe this is a personal choice issue and therefore there is no legislation necessary.

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Bradley Domer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Foster	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cherie Ikei	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Yadao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This infringes on my personal rights and seems to me to be a new "tax" being implemented without calling it a tax. Rather than negatively influencing people by "taxing" them to wear a helmet, why not incent them by giving them a discount like the insurance companies. This would really show that the government's real intent is not to find new ways get money out of it's citizens. First the seat belt tax, now the helmet tax?

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Ho-Tai Zerba	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brad DeMello	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexander S Howard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Should be the rider choice

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Mandy Monegan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pat Murphy	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I have been riding motorcycles for 48 years, both with and without helmets. I am way more aware of the dangers around my motorcycle, without a helmet (sight, hearing). It is my head, my motorcycle, and should be my decision in, what should be in my free country. Please let "the only person that matters" choose,.....not our motorcycle-less legislators. Mahalo, Pat Murphy

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David N. Owens	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kimo Pagan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii has always been a fair state, like many of the other states, and opted to allow motorcyclists to choose whether to wear a helmet. They have done this rather than chosen to legislate personal safety and take the right to choose away from the individual. This bill doesn't mandate the use, doesn't legislate the right of the individual away, but it penalizes them for exercising their right. I have lived in Hawaii for over 16 years, I own a home here, my family is here, and will spend the rest of my life here. I strongly oppose this legislation. Thank you for your consideration of my view points.

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Ray Pagan	Street Bikers United	Oppose	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Groom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not want the state to tell me how I should live! If this bill passes it will show that the state is discriminating against people who do not like to wear helmets! Also it show is that the state just wants more money to line their pockets!

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Al O'Connor	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ronald Troia	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff Smith	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
john scheleski	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: no helmets fot motorcycles no helmets for pickup truck passengers no helmets for cars, trucks,mopeds. & motorcycles

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Earl Kawamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Glen Kawamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul Kiang	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ralph Kirk	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kanchana Owens	Individual	Oppose	No

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Martin Naaktgeboren	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have seen a lot of tourists wearing helmets that weren't used to the weather. when they get too hot their sunglasses and or face masks fog up to the point that they are a danger on the road. the best weapon for a riders defense is their awareness of their surroundings. I vehemently oppose this measure

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michael dinneen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marisa Dinneen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Angela Howard	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lisa Shaw	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jacqueline Foster	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Kenyon Grier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Helmets only protect the head. What about the rest of the body (spine, liver, spleen, internal organs). A lot has been made of people dying because they didn't have a helmet on but what did they really die from?

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Joe Avena	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Bradner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support this bill. I feel like it is the rider's choice. My major issue with this bill is that it turn a safety issue into monetary issue. The committee is using the right of a person to choose to wear a helmet as a means to deveope revue. I think this is a poor excuse for a law. In addition we do not need another unenforcable law on the books. I ride motorcycles and chose to wear a helmet. I was in an accident due to a car hitting me. I was wearing my helmet and in my case I think it helped. That being said how about stiffer penalties for car drivers that hit motorcycles and cause accidents.

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CALVIN SOUZA	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thomas DeMello	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Freedom means I decide for myself rather or not to wear a helmet. More laws more freedom taken away.

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Lawrence J. Olsen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is more government intrusion into peoples' lives. Let riders decide - we don't need a nanny.

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Christine Paul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Allow people freedom to decide for themselves.

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Jennifer Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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James L Paul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: People have the right to decide for themselves.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Romero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have been riding since I was 15 years old without a helmet, I am 54 years old and still riding without a helmet. Please dont make us wear a helmet. Mahalo

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mark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: will this option also be offered for seat belts?

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William Sankey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: United we stand divided we fall... we are not against helmets we are for the bikers right to choose. Not only do I support our right to choose but this bill seems like a terrible precedence to set. The doubling of license fees to force compliance really comes across as an odd process for law.

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Robin Bartholomew		Oppose	No

Comments: When I wear a helmet I cannot hear cars on the left or right of me and its dangerous I should have the choice just like abortion rights if we can kill unborn child then why Im i being told by the government that I have to were a helmet sounds a dictator government .

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Manual Puri	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Herbert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mike Maberry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Should be individuals right to chose

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Micaela Dinneen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aron Dinneen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bradley Thomas	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mi-Sun Herbert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Scott Hunt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe the use of a helmet should be freedom of choice.

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Ron Hill	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Helmet use should be of free will and dictated by government.

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Carol Hopkins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff freeman	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Tanieca M Downing	Individual	Oppose	No

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Melissa Nelson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Alicia Nicholson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ilona Martin	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Max Marquez	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ryan Rothwell	Individual	Oppose	No

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Christine N Santos	Individual	Oppose	No

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Frank Schultz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am not against helmets, I were one when riding but I am for the biker's right to choose. This law is essentially blackmailing riders who do not wish to wear helmets to avoid possibly illegal fees.

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James Moses	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daniel Murakami	SBU	Oppose	Yes

Comments: SB484 & HB105 is unjustified, we should have a choice to choose and not be punish of wearing or not wearing an helmet. Also, being charged an extra fee, the C & C buses and the airport transportation don't have seat belts for the riders. But, we are required to wear seatbelts in our vehicle. So, why are you punishing the motorcycle riders, it's our civil rights to make our own choices and not have to pay an extra fee.

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Michael Murray	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clyde H Hodges Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle White	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I ride a motorcycle and wear a helmet. Riders need to have a choice and not be charged extra if they choose not to wear a helmet.

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Michael Page	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let those who ride decide...

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Mary Soucie	Individual	Oppose	No

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marvin banis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark Inoshita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I think this is so one sided. Really? Why don't everyone driving cars have to wear helmets? There are just as many injuries do to car accidents as motorcycles or scooters. Raising reg taxes so a person can ride without a helmet is just so wrong. Most of us can't afford heavy reg fees, are trying save on gas, and trying to be more green for the planet. Please do not pass this.

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Michael Frolik	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brian Blankenship	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill, and will actively work to prevent re-election of any member of legislature that votes in favor of this bill.

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Donna L Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ulrich Martin	Sons of Hawaii MC	Oppose	Yes

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Michael Soucie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I wear a helmet every day. There is no evidence to support that wearing a helmet either saves or causes injuries at a higher rate than not. I believe the rider should have the choice to decide.

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Dave Lau	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cristina Rothwell	Individual	Oppose	No

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William John Herbert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aaron Monegan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Pagan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Roland Pagan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bryan Ikei	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cheryl Hunt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bryan Gray	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ronald E. Rod	Individual	Oppose	No

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arthur smith	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ryan soto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It should be a personal choice. If it is legal for a family of Hawaiians to ride in the back of a pick up truck then it should be legal for a person to not wear a helmet.

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stafford	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Their are so many laws and regulations now, do not take our freedom of choice away, we are tired of being told what, how and why to do things.

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Edward Stankos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The motorcycle culture & community is large in our community, and anyone who decides to ride a motorcycle knows that it is inherently more dangerous. But, because its dangerous shouldnt be a reason to infringe on our rights, or make laws hurting motorcycle riders financially. In these hard times most motorcycle and scooter riders take advantage of the reduced dependency on gasoline, lets put our energy in education and awareness by supporting the State of Hawaii Mototcycle Riders Course and other programs like it. I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL.

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Priscilla Stephens	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul Bashaw	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeremy Roberson	Individual	Oppose	No

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ELENA AUKAI	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jennifer Billaber	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Leslie Titcomb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am an avid motor cycle rider, and even though I choose to wear a helmet, I am against this new pending law. The freedom of choice has always been extremely important, not just to me, but to all Americans. I believe that being a motor cycle rider comes with many unforeseen responsibilities, which we have choosen to accept. So, to deny any of us the freedom of choice, is not only wrong, but unconstitutional.

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Mike U'Ren	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I have been riding safely here for ten years, charging me or anyone more for a personal freedom is wrong! More helmets are not going to make the roads safer, nor will it save hawaii money. What's next more property tax for smokers?

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Rick Venzon	Individual	Oppose	No

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SB484

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Testimony for TIA on Feb 6, 2013 13:17PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adam Lipka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: While I do wear a helmet whenever I ride I can not agree with this law. Either we make helmets mandatory or don't. The price of not wearing one in a crash is serious injury or death to the person who chooses to go without. Making a fee to ride without is pointless and unnessicary.

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Ralph Stephens	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Jenny Thiele	Individual	Oppose	No

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Peter Lanting	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roy D Ridgeway	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly disagree with this bill. I have been riding motorcycles for 31+ years. Wearing a helmet should remain a choice not a mandate. Proud member of Street Bikers United requests you to say no to this bill.

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Kali Lopez	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelvin N Asahina, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose any mandatory helmet laws and fees or fines for having the right to chose whether or not I wear a helmet while riding my motorcycles.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia Stiles	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Helmets can cause broken necks when riders are involved in accidents. They can only marginally protect the head and they provide no protection from neck injuries. They also impair visual field of the wearer.

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Jim Dodson	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Robert Dolormente	Individual	Oppose	No

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Justin Brune	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Charles Arakaki	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank Lopez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My head, my choice! Nobody is proposing to ban flip-flops for fear one might cut his foot on a piece of glass.

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Richard Page	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
raphael	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Biker's should have a choice if they want to wear a helmet. I've been riding a motorcycle 33 years. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Holly Reiplinger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to any mandatory helmet laws. If it is our choice to wear a helmet how can you now impose a fine for something that is optional? You are going in the wrong direction and are assuming helmets are the "cure all" for motorcycle safety. It is general driving safety that is needed. People on the road are not being attentive drivers and are too busy eating, texting and talking. I am a licensed motorcycle rider and I, by choice, do wear a helmet and I am vehemently opposed to this bill.

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Jon Larsen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Klaus Von Slim	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Bottom line up front: A helmet law would do nothing to protect Hawaii's motorcycle community; when in fact, the majority of accidents come to pass as a result of poor driving skills by vehicle operators. Ever consider motorcycle awareness training as part of Hawaii's archaic drivers' training programs? Hawaii needs to educate its idiot drivers on proper left turns, lane changing, sudden braking, and DRIVING IN THE RAIN, all of these, factors which lead to numerous motorcycle-related fatalities every year. Put some REAL police on the highway; trashcan your bill (you KNOW it'll never pass anyways!); and, get all these morons to keep their eyes open!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren F. Wegesend, Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is my right to decide whether or not I wear a helmet. To penalize me for my rightful decision is uncalled for.

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Morgan Shields	Individual	Oppose	No

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Geoffrey Billings	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Domingo V. Layugan Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, I am opposed to this bill. A rider's safety is first and foremost in their minds. If they feel it is safer not to wear their helmet due to weight of helmet, previous injury, obstruction of their view of the roadway etc, it should be their choice. The choice of not wearing a helmet is not against the law and a person should not be penalized monetarily for following the law. Thank you for your time. Domingo V. Layugan, Jr.

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Leonard Leos	Individual	Oppose	No

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Donna Lee Lloyd	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We are owners of 2 motorcycles and my husband and I choose not to wear helmets while we ride. We appreciate our right to choose(with or without helmets). This law has worked for motorcyclist in the State of Hawaii and we should continue with it. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify against the Helmet Law.

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Paul LEPIK	Individual	Oppose	No

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Phillip J Lucero	Island Boyz Motorcycle Club	Oppose	No

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Jennifer Lundmark	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Robinson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert A. Baysa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose

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Amy Arakaki	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lynnette Maialoha	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dervin Mann	Individual	Oppose	No

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Uli Martin	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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david martin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Subject: Submitted testimony for SB484 on Feb 6, 2013 13:17PM

SB484

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David P. Montague	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii has always been a fair state, like many of the other states, and opted to allow motorcyclists to choose whether to wear a helmet. They have done this rather than chosen to legislate personal safety and take the right to choose away from the individual. This bill doesn't mandate the use, doesn't legislate the right of the individual away, but it penalizes them for executing their right. I have lived in Hawaii for over 16 years, I own a home here, my family is here, and will spend the rest of my life here. I strongly oppose this legislation. Thank you for your consideration of my view points.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Somers	Treasurer-Maui Street Bikers United	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a heated issue. But, in the end, it should always be freedom of choice. It shouldn't be freedom of choice AND "your registration fees DOUBLE!!!"

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Tim Rybinski	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lisa Bickerstaff	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kalani Kekona	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lisa Kekona	Individual	Oppose	No

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johnnie hatcher	Individual	Oppose	No

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Abel Arocha	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Palin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I don't get it? If I choose to exercise my RIGHT to not wear a helmet, the State is telling the County to double my vehicle registration fees. Why???

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Shott	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allan Raikes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to SB484 as I can see no reason why any citizen who exercises thier right to choose to not wear a helmet should be taxed at a higher rate than a citizen who chooses to wear a helmet. It seems this is an effort to get around the law by penalizing behavior that the authors of this bill might not agree with. I humbly request that you do not pass this unneeded and unwanted legislation. Mahalo

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Harry Wayne Stierli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Wearing of helmets should remain a choice, without coercion and extra fees from the State.

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Kevin Abe	Individual	Oppose	No

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Deborah Abe	Individual	Oppose	No

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Susan Yoshiyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a rider

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John Greene	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Jafvert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nancy Crawford	County of Hawaii	Oppose	No

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Cread Mitsui Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mary Loretero	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Barden	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Freddie Gomes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The right to choose.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Jamtgaard	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Helmets give a false sense of security and decrease awareness by both discomfort and restricted sense of surroundings. I do not wear a helmet and have never worn one. I ride daily. I am totally opposed to a required helmet law.

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Edward Kalbach	Individual	Oppose	No

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Testifier will be present.

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Arthur Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeremy Pitzer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lyndsy Holton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel this is a lame attempt at the state (and insurance) trying to make extra money. My motorcycle is my primary mode of transportation. Whether I choose to wear a helmet or not is SOLELY MY CHOICE. I believe it will also give HPD an EXCUSE to pull me over if for no other reason than to check my license, to see if I elected to wear a helmet or not. That's DISCRIMINATION. If you want to promote safety, lets start with enforcing the "No cell phone use" while driving (including all the cops always on phones). Inattentive car drivers that are texting and talking on phones scare the SHIT out of me that are constantly tailgating me while I'm on my motorcycle. Those drivers are the real dangers.

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Veronica Belshaw	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe in the rider's right to choose. Statistically, most accidents involving bikers is related to a car driver error, NOT the motorcyclist who has a very HIGH price to pay for riding errors. Use your brains.

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Mr. Jordon J. Wynn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mrs. Lauren A. Wynn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mr. Julian J. Wynn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken kaahanui	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is wrong, I choose to wear or not to wear a helmet, not the government. And besides this discriminates against those of us who want to ride the way we seems fit.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jake Jacobus	Street Bikers United Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments: The newly proposed helmet law, SB-484, is ill-conceived, poorly written and flies in the face of a major Hawaii constituency, Hawaii's motorcycle riders and supporters, who number in excess of 50,000 voters at a minimum. This bill proposes to separate motorcycle riders into two separate classes of citizens; those who will raise their right hand and swear to wear a helmet while riding, and those who will not. Those who do not will face double licensing fees, double registration fees and double weight taxes, in addition to "the council of each county shall determine the amount of an additional fee...". This outright assault on individual freedom and personal responsibility must be opposed with all fervor! I would also like to express my complete dissatisfaction with the priorities of Senator English. As someone who voted for him, I am astonished that, with all of the critical issues facing Hawai'i, he chose this issue as his signature legislation right out of the gate as a newly elected representative of Maui county's citizens who sent him to the big house on Oahu to confront the critical issues that all of Hawai'i's citizens are facing; chronic unemployment, rampant homelessness, a critically disfunctional education system, energy, among other serious issues that we all face on a daily basis. Regardless of your political persuasion, we are a nation of laws; rules by which we must all play by. To be a legislator, one should have at least some semblance of knowledge of those rules. Senator English's proposed bill flies in the face of even the most basic high school civic's class lesson. No legislative body may pass any law that singles out any one class of citizenry which is exclusive of the general public at large. It's called a "Bill of Attainder", to wit; "A Legislative act that singles out an individual or group for punishment without a trial". The Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section 9, paragraph 3 provides that: "No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law will be passed." How can charging those riders that elect not to wear a helmet more than the general public is charged be considered anything else but "ex post facto punishment without trial"? And what about enforcement? This bill provides no guidance for law enforcement. Is every rider with no helmet to be pulled over and checked for his or her license for the proper endorsement without cause merely for riding without a helmet? This bill is ill-conceived, poorly written and sponsored by a freshman Senator who needs to get his priorities straight and figure out why we elected him in the first place. Hair brained schemes like this is not why we sent him to the legislature. Jake Jacobus, president Street Bikers United Hawaii Maui County Chapter 808.357.2875

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Marie Bashaw	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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DeSaix Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marcus S.Inamine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This should be a freedom of choice. Wearing a helmet prevents full vision and hearing. I have been riding for over 24 years and I am strongly against this. Let us enjoy Hawaii without helmets.

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Brian Javorillo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I would support a registration discount for wearing a helmet, but not a fee hike for those who choose not to wear a helmet. Otherwise, I oppose the bill.

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David Jenkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Bullshit!! I have insurance so it costs the state nothing if I am injured or killed!

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Justin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: While I wear a helmet 100% of the time, I don't believe it is necessary to be a law, as it will only be another waste of enforcement efforts on our police. We should be spending more time enforcing using a blinker at all times, or something more useful

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Lance Kahiamoe-Terukina	Individual	Oppose	No

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Edwin T Dunkinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Helmets do more harm than good, because they do not protect your neck. More people die of broken necks while wearing helmets than other die of head injuries by not wearing them.

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Len Ferguson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a 65 year old motorcycle operator with 50 years of motorcycle experience. I oppose mandatory helmet requirements and support the freedom of choice for operators and passengers of motorcycles to wear or not wear a helmet. Therefore I oppose this Helmet Bill SB484 and ask my legislators to not pass this legislation.

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Michal Cole	Individual	Oppose	No

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john e. curnow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: aloha, once again ,i see the state trying to force helmets on the motorcycle riders of this state, please take the time to understand that helmets are only effective to a speed of 15 mph,the last time i checked there are not too many streets with that limit, and i'm surprised that hpd has not yet brought action to the city and county for forcing officers to wear this item, it's whats in our heads that is going to make us better operators, not what is on them, this bill is nothing more than blackmail , please do not pass this bill, sbu mmbbers vote and do remember , thank you john curnow

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Rodney Kelley	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bryan Delp	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am disappointed to find another bill which wrongly attempts to find ways to further single out motorcyclists. It is frustrating to me that we continue to see these poorly written bills against motorcyclists each session, year after year. I understand the misconceptions that some have and the statistics that are manipulated by both sides of the issue of whether to wear or not wear a helmet. However, a Tax on choice is what this bill amounts to. I am a proponent of motorcycle education not legislation and find these bills that attempt to mandate helmet wear as almost discriminatory. My motorcycle is my means of daily commuting. I wear my helmet when commuting to from work, but enjoy the choice of not wearing a helmet on hot or humid days or beautiful days when touring around the island or taking short trips to the store. I enjoy the choice to wear or not wear a helmet. I do not enjoy the guise of choice by tax. This bill should not be passed. Thank you.

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edison j .kiyota	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aaron Knudson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Kuwahara	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ala Lani	Loopels	Oppose	No

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GARY STOKER	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tony C	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shawne Garliepp	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a tax paying adult, who can make a decision. I do not need the state of hawaii to pass a law regarding me wearing a helmet.

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Chase Kuntz	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Kuntz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gregory Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I can't be leave that a Bill like this is even being consider, I shouldn't be Penalize for not wanting to were a Helmet, It's my Right and I shouldn't Be penalize.

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Christopher Rothwell.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Helen Harshbarger	Individual	Oppose	No

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james newton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Frances Aoyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe in Freedom of choice. Even a helmet will not save you if there are distracted drivers or a motorcyclists that is not fully aware of all obstacles. Awareness and education of both motorcyclists and drivers are the only deterrant.

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Jody miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brad Vasquez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The wearing of helmets by motorcycle riders is, and has always been, a matter of choice. We, as riders, must be allowed the choice as to whether or not we wish to wear helmets. This is akin to smokers who choose to smoke cigarettes; IT IS THEIR CHOICE, NOT GOVERNMENT!!

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Terence Kaya	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Sharum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this action. A helmet does not save your life, as evidenced with the motorcycle officers that are killed while riding. You all need to pay more attention to those driving illegally as in while texting, or while talking on the phone, reading whatever they are reading. This includes law enforcement officials, they are the worst. For years all of you have been continually trying to take the simplest of freedoms away from all of us. FREEDOM OF CHOICE is a right given to us by our forefathers. Enough is enough, helmets don't guarantee a life saved and we all know that when we decide to ride.

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Ricardo Locquiao	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeremy Halsey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dan Pultz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe this is just wrong. Having an individual choose is in appropriate and then having to increase registration funds to fund some flush fund is wrong. Did you really read thus. Having a passenger with a seatbelt, wow.

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In reference to Bill SB484 I whole heartedly oppose this bill due to the fact it is just another way for the government to enforce us to wear helmets in this state. Wearing or not wearing a helmet is an individual choice still and should not be an additional cost to the individual if he so chooses to not wear one. Whether I wear a helmet or not it does not cost the state more or less money if something happens, yes riding a motorcycle is inherently dangerous but a vast majority of accidents are not the fault of the rider it is inattention by people in cars. And if the rider is properly insured the state does not have an issue. If the state is looking for a better way to make more income then why not make the zipper lane a toll lane. Charge \$365 dollars a year and allow anyone to use it, i.e. just a single driver or multiple occupants, this would make income for the whole state and allow more people to use it. It could be done with an EZ pass system and camera at the entrances and if someone has not paid they get sent a ticket (more money). Why penalize persons whom chose to follow the law and wear a helmet if they do or do not desire? This bill is the wrong answer. Look at TEXAS laws for motorcycle riders they make an individual that injures or kills a motorcyclist have to pay for their death if they are at fault if this those kind of laws were implemented they would make drivers pay more attention of the motorcyclist and reduce accidents involving motorcyclist.

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robert williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: When is enough enough. Infringment on american peoples rights to chose . This is just another way for you to try and extort money from law abiding citizens. If you need more money look within your money management or mismanagment and stop trying to force AMERICANS to pay for that

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weidmann georg	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: it's my live and I want the car owners to pay more attention.

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Mason Fukunaga	Individual	Oppose	No

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kimo napolitano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: right to decide

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Denise Viesta	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Bilton-Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: A helmet law doesn't protect society as a whole. It only removes another liberty which our fore fathers fought for. We are moving into a wholly socialist form of Government. Please allow me to make a choice in this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

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Stephen Frank	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Responsible riders should have the right to make this choice based on personal preference!

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Harold Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mike Joyner	Individual	Oppose	No

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James Cooper	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kelly Blankenship	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill, and will actively work to prevent re-election of any member of legislature that votes in favor of this bill or allows it to come to a vote by not actively opposing the bill.

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Lawrence M. Kiyabu	Street Bikers United	Oppose	No

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Darren Galius	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rene Martinez	Individual	Oppose	No

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LORIN CHUN	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kory Liedtke	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nathan Park	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Howard Kam Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this Bill due to its complexity for the average motorcyclist, difficulty in administration by the empowered officials, and deceptive nature of the underlying purpose of the Bill.

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Ikuko Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Terri Watkins	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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tony persson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: let us that ride keep the right to decide.

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George Fuller	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rocke A Harris	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bryan Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

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William Ilac	Individual	Oppose	No

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Louis Ilac	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Linda Rivera	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Individuals should have the right to choose and not be penalized for their choice nor forced to comply with restrictions set by those that try to impose their beliefs and standards on others.

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Rachael Scheidel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Testimony for TIA on Feb 6, 2013 13:17PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Scheidel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Warren Scheidel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daren luker	Individual	Oppose	No

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David J Venneman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Don Greman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let those that ride decide. We know the risks.

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Steven Sonnen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith T. Fujimura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I served in the army in Viet Nam, worked as a Dept of Defense civilian in Iraq, and retired as a Dept of Defense civilian. To me, it's all about keeping American citizens FREE. Yet, the State of Hawaii government wants to take away my right to "not wear a helmet" when I ride. What next??? People in convertibles have to wear helmets/??? Come on people, let us enjoy our lives. Thank You

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Daniel Mizner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have ridden motor scooters and motorcycles since seventh grade, I am now sixty five, and have on occasions worn a helmet but for the greater part of my riding I have chosen not to and have never regretted it. Please do not penalize people who do not want to wear a helmet Thank You Dan Mizner

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Ricardo Ramirez	Individual	Oppose	No

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James Bloomer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shaynen Low	Individual	Oppose	No

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oppose.txt

This is not fair to responsible riders, especially the way you are writing this. you made no such provision for car and truck drivers regarding seatbelts or drinking, etc. why are singling out motorcycle riders. this state has been completely harsh in it's treatment of the citizens that ride bikes. Prejudicial! it's prejudicial. unfounded when you consider that it is car and truck drivers that are more responsible for bike accidents and the deaths of bike riders in this state. the helmets available on the market today do not save lives. you would think you would have learned that when the HPD bike officer died, while wearing his armor and helmet. helmets do not save lives for speeds above 35 mph. at highway speeds they make no difference. at speeds less than 35 mph they save you from a bump to a head wound but that's it. bike riders are required to go through safety courses to ride. why not car drivers? why don't they have to go through safety courses to drive? stop putting bandaids on everything and get to heart of the problem for once. car and truck drivers are more concerned with the radio or talking or the cell or make up, than what is going on around their car or truck, or they just have no safe driving skills. do the right thing for once. let me decide when i need to wear head gear.

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D Freeman	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: someone should bring a law suite against the state for this.

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helmet.txt

I have ridden a motorcycle as exclusive transportation for over 10 years. Good sized motorcycles, highway cruisers. And, of course, I have dumped it a couple of times and been injured. But I have never hit my helmet or my head on anything. I have broken my ribs with a backpack so I went to saddle bags, but never have I hit my head. I've been trained how to 'fall'. Mostly, I wear a helmet, but not always. It's my choice. I have read of people injured in a fall by the weight of their helmet that never hit anything. Bottom line: helmets are not magic, not a universal cure. Certainly an option, like saddlebags. Offer training in how to take a fall, how to get up and walk away from that pile of mangled metal that was your bike. Help people take care of themselves. Educate them. The easy thing is to tell them what to do, the hard thing is to empower them, us. I've gotten up and walked away, didn't even have to buy a new helmet, because I was trained. Help others do the same. Don't put the state in a position of liability because they required someone to do something that resulted in being paralyzed for life. We always have the freedom of choice, let's keep it within the law.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
frank	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Yes, I rode here on Maui for over a decade. My last bike was a modified Marauder and I can see 4 used and replaced helmets from here.

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Richard Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I wear a helmet, but I think it should be the riders choice.

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Daniel Carreiro	Individual	Oppose	No

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Randy Stopnik	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Adonis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Patrick Kessler	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Steven Gamponia	Individual	Oppose	No

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Angela Ilac	Individual	Oppose	No

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charles m. mizner	Individual	Oppose	No

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Raymond S. Burke III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Basic freedom of choice rights should not be legislated.

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ALEXANDER B MONSON	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kevin Baughman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do like the idea of wearing helmets. I do not think that forcing their use is appropriate or required by our government. I personally feel that cell phone users (distracted drivers) are a bigger threat to Motor Cycle Drivers. There are currently laws in place to prevent that but it is a very common site to see people ignoring that set of laws. I have been cut off more than once by these inattentive drivers. Please focus more on enforcement of the current laws. YOU do not need to discriminate against Motorcyclist like this. If you feel you do, please, also pass a law that all motor vehicle occupants need to wear approved body armor to reduce any injuries associated with motor vehicle accidents AND take the licenses of distracted drivers. I would like to attend this session to testify in person, but need to be on the mainland for business. Thank you for reading my statement.

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Samuel Kanoe	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I feel I have the right to wear or not to wear a motorcycle helmet.

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Charles F Snyder	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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clayton choo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Stop taking our rights to choose! Government is being too tyrannical. What's this additional fees about?

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Robert Shampoe	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Gordon Pang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I prefer to have the freedom to choose whether to wear a helmet or not!

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Nora Sheridan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rudy Kalua	Individual	Oppose	No

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Let those who ride decide whether or not to wear a helmet. Motorcycle safety is a individuals' responsibility. I do not want anyone to dictate to me what I must wear when I ride my bike.

George Sheridan
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Pedersen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Herman Garcia	Individual	Oppose	No

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Harold Quinata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Why is it that we are free to choose to kill an unborn child. But unable to choose whether we wear a helmet, or a seatbelt.

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Rudy Kahlua	Individual	Oppose	No

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kayla crites	Individual	Oppose	No

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Herman Garciar	Individual	Oppose	No

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tina crites	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Shott	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thiomas McAfee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ray Teubner	Individual	Oppose	No

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VICTOR FERRER	Individual	Oppose	No

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Elaine Gilbert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gordon Hirokawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Wendy Hirokawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Crystal Hendrickson	Individual	Oppose	No

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charlene lawrence	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Robert K Aiwohi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nathan Hendrickson	Individual	Oppose	No

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michael lawrence	Individual	Oppose	No

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Harold Holdreith	Individual	Oppose	No

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Larry Lamerson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have been a home owner, registered voter and motorcyclist in the state of Hawaii since 1980. I enjoy my right to choose whether to wear a helmet when I ride or not to, fully knowing the risks I take. I have taken advanced rider skills courses to enhance my ability to operate my bike in a safe manner with higher awareness, but we all know we cannot protect ourselves from the unexpected. Operating a motorcycle or an automobile, it is with the understanding that bad things could happen. I feel SB484 infringes on my basic freedoms and right to choose. Following SB484 logic, automobile operators should have to indicate if they will be wearing a seat belt or pay double rates. I feel SB484 discriminates against motorcyclists, will not improve motorcycle safety, and is only an exercise to add money to our states coffers. I totally oppose this bill and will let voting records on this bill determine my next election selections.

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dandy k k newcomb	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jerry Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jesse stephens	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gary Saunders	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please work on issues with some importance. Debt, spending, roads, sewers. Quit wasting time on feel good issues and do your job. It is my right to ride with or without a helmet, eat what I want, drink what I want and own a gun. Quit trying to regulate my life to your standards or legislate morality which if you look at your history has never worked.

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John Shepard	Individual	Oppose	No

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Curtis Sawyer	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Danielle Gosiaco	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dominique Gosiaco	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gino Gosiaco	Individual	Oppose	No

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Fred Almeida	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gabi Gosiaco	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Gosiaco	Individual	Oppose	No

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Abigail Lehua Hale	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I, as a motorcycle rider, know the inherent risk of riding without a helmet. Please let me make that make that choice. Sincerely, Abigail L. Hale

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Lincoln Glenister	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Riders not wearing helmets is not the issue...the issue that should be discussed is the enforcement of traffic laws already in place (cell phone use, signaling, speeding, etc.). Moreover, non attentive drivers and lack of warning signs and/or driven education to lookout for motorcycles, such as laws in California and other states in the union are killing motorcyclists. Not to mention the abundance of road hazard materials/debris, poor road conditions (pot holes, roots up lifting paves, etc) contributes to dangerous conditions not only to motorcyclists but bicyclists and drivers alike.

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Charles Pelch	Individual	Oppose	No

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Romeo Mantupar	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ginger Royal	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tyler Hatlelid	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jason Lynch	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cody Pellegrin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ed Broman	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am oppose to the law of tell any there have to where a hement over the age of 21yr

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Michael Brennan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joseph Haas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This law discriminates against law abiding citizens who are expressing a preference to ride a motorcycle or motor scooter without a helmet by financially punishing these citizens. With Obamacare cyclists will all have access to health care (if that is the issue). If you wish to financially encourage riders to wear helmets, I suggest to lower the registration fee by 1/2 for riders who select to wear helmets which would reward riders who choose this option rather than punish those who do not. Joseph Haas

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LuAnn Kalua	Individual	Oppose	No

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Leonard Kalua	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael D. Bush	Individual	Oppose	No

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David G White	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kirk Marcum	Individual	Oppose	No

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Importance: High

Aloha,

To the Honorable Senators -
J. Kalani English
Donovan M. Dela Cruz

To the Committee –
Transportation & International Affairs (TIA):

RE: SB484 - Opposition Petition

I hereby oppose the Measure SB484 on the basis of its content and potential conflict.

1. Should an individual announce his/her decision to wear any safety device that is not required by law, that person must have the right to choose to make that decision at any given moment - let there be no action by the committee that would impose additional fees or penalties for an individual exercising his/her right to choose.
2. The notion that the State could impose a higher tax rate on a vehicle's weight tax leaves question as to how the state would tax a vehicle that may be used by more than one driver.
3. Should a motor vehicle be taxed at the higher rate and become resold in the midst of the registration cycle, would the buyer or seller be entitled to a refund of the tax should the new owner elect to wear the safety helmet and indicates so on the license?.
4. How would a Rental vehicle be taxed, knowing that on any given day the operator may or may not be wearing a safety helmet?
5. An operator bearing a license other than a Hawaii class 2 license (out of state) will have made no indication as to their choice to wear a safety helmet on their license, therefore how would that vehicle be taxed?

SB484 leaves much to debate therefore should NOT be considered at this time.

We appreciate the Committee's work and willingness to allow the public to be heard on the issues.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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david crites	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lorena Peck	Individual	Oppose	No

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Carl Kaleugher	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dustin Edwards	Individual	Oppose	No

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Penny A Harmeyer	Individual	Oppose	No

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william miner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this measure as it removes an individuals' freedom of pursuit of happiness as given in the bill of rights. Also this bill is discriminatory because it singles out those motorcyclists who choose to ride without a helmet. I have ridden motorcycles for over 50 years. I am a registered voter and property owner, I vote and I remember. thank you for your consideration.

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Machelle Witler	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Hill	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Helmets don't stop stupid. If you factor out alcohol and drugs, speeding, aggressive or inattentive operation of a motorcycle, riding without license or proper skills for the vehicle, and the actions of others who are not paying attention, a helmet won't save many lives. Unless we also consider wearing helmets in cars and trucks! I would support laws requiring a safety course or even interlock systems for alcohol

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Christopher Dye	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kevin Abe	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nathan Jafvert	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joseph Peck	CVMA Hawaii	Oppose	Yes

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Tory Laitila	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose a mandatory helmet law for two-wheeled vehicles for adults. As a safety concern I strongly suggest that current mandatory safety checks for two-wheeled motorized vehicles include mopeds to ensure all motorized vehicles are adequately seen by other drivers on the roadways.

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Steven Sullivan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lisa Sims	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do not penalize me for my right to ride free. Hawaii is to warm to wear a helmet and I have the right to chose without being penalized.

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Chris Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nicole Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LJ	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I pay plenty of insurance for the right to ride without a helmet. If I wanted to wear one let me have my own choice without YOU deciding for me and doubling my registration fee.

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Tiffany Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

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Anthony Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

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Arthur B. Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We should be able to decide whether if we want to wear a helmet or not Without being penalized.

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Lisa J	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do not chose for me and penalize me for my choice

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerald S Brown	Rough Riders Motorcycle Club	Oppose	No

Comments: Pretty well says that if you have plenty of money, you don't have to wear a helmet. What about the <50cc scooter riders who don't need a license or registration? Un-enforceable since law enforcement cannot tell by sight who has/had signed to wear helmet. Also loaning a motorcycle to someone who is not obligated to wear one, but you have as the owner. What about tourists who don't wear one?

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Reynold Tenn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Maureen Matsuoka	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richard Matsuoka	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joseph Peck	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Freedom to choose

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James ward	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gwen Edwards	Individual	Oppose	No

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Alexander Saunders	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose any legislation requiring the use of helmets by operators of motorcycles, mopeds or motorscooters. As a lifelong motorcyclist I have seen and experienced first hand the results of motorcycle accidents. While I believe that there are some instances that a helmet may protect the operator, I also believe that there are circumstances where a helmet can exacerbate potential injuries. With this in mind I believe the choice should be the operator's. I also oppose the preferential treatment of those that elect to wear a helmet and subsequent monetary punishment of those who elect not to wear.

Sincerely,
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Heather Swensen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: When one makes personal safety decisions about something that effects only themselves, it should not be regulated or given extra fines by government

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Erika Swensen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It should be the bikers right to choose whether to wear a helmet or not.

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Gary keawe'aiko Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric R Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Giving people the responsibility to choose each and everytime they get on the road makes that individual appreciate the value of a helmet when they see others pass away from not wearing one. Please give people the choice so the lessons learned bring better riders

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Peggy Palakiko	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jesus Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Back in 2006 Officer Steve Favela, died and he was wearing his helmet. There are many others that have died and they where wearing a helmet. There is not other explanation that this government is trying somehow to raise revenue by inflicting on the citizens right of choosing to wear a helmet or not. What is going to be next seatbelts for the motorcycles. The helmet has not been proven to safe more lives than not wearing one. People of the council remember you work for the citizens that put you in office. We will do our best to get you out of office on the next election. This issue comes up every year. With the stipulation for the motorcycle community to donate money to your campaign in order for you not to pass it. To me that is extortion, corruption as it best. **DO NOT PASS THIS BILL SINCE IT IS PLAINLY ANOTHER WAY TO CHARGE MORE MONEY TO THE TAX PAYERS AND THE CITIZENS THAT VOTE.**

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Lisa Puaa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Christian Swensen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ken Swensen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Becky Swensen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richard Medeiros	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let us make my own decisions.

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I'm old enough to make my own decisions. It was nice to in a state that gives me the option. Around town-no. I'm more aware with it off (and no, a better helmet won't help-I use). Interstate-Yes. High speed impacts can ruin your whole day. It's not a "yes or no" decision for me-more like "what's appropriate". And I refuse to allow some idiot politician to override 40+ years of gained experience.

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austin ledward	Individual	Oppose	No

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frank dejesus 111	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Milbradt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kim Uttech	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If I want to risk my life by not wearing a helmet...it's my right. Just like if I choose to go skydiving, spearfishing, and scuba diving. The State should stay out of the way of freedom and free will when it does not affect others.

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Dennis Clifton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Nathan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Malia Spirz	Individual	Oppose	No

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joyce fua	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tammy Hill	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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cindy pidcock	Individual	Oppose	No

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Warren Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shantelle Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please don't introduce laws that violate others rights without hearing the reasons why they are against it...bike riders only hurt themselves if they don't wear a helmet...they are not hurting anyone else. Some riders don't wear helmets because it is a distraction and distorts their view. This Reminds me of the fluoride bill in effect. Other states have had problems and banned adding this to the water while Hawaii is introduced 50 a bill for it once again. Please don't force the people of Hawaii to inject this poison. Please Please consider all the risk!!!

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Gina Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It should be up to the individual rider....personally it hinders vision and sound, not to mention my freedom. .part of the reason we prefer not to be cagers...

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
CARMELLA DISOPA	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As part of the original group of people from the early 1970's that fought for the right to make my own decision to wear or not to wear a helmet when operating a motorcycle, I stongly oppose this bill. This bill violates my constitutional rights to make a choice for myself. Car drivers who also sustain a high percentage of head injuries in an accident are not being included in this bill. Why are only motorcyclists being singled out? Are their rights any different that mine? What type of a response would you get from the general population of auto/truck drivers if you were to propose such a bill as this on them? I can just imagine the response that you would have if they had to pay penalties and and be discriminated against for failing to choose to wear a helmet.

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James Thain	Individual	Oppose	No

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Uli Martin	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I believe that it should be up to the individual rider to choose if he want to wear a helmet or not. Especially on the Hawaiian islands where it is hot hot hot if you wear one and is very irritating and do more harm then good. As a rider you want to be comfortable and not distracted.

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Tim Minick	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Heidi D'Andrea	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: This bill hides many other things not just a helmet law. I feel it is discriminatory witch is ILLEGAL. Motorcycle riders should not have to pay more for their choice of weather or not we wear a helmet. In the last year of motorcycle deaths it shows that wearing one still doesn't save lives. If there is to be a hemet law that is STRICTLY a helmet issue it should only have the same penalties as the seatbelt law.

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Clayton Nohara	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jacob McClure	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bryan Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mike Balmer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Leo V SHaver	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Why!

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Charlotte Karr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose SB484 - we are not against helmets we are for the bikers right to choose.

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Lai Rugenstein	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark Rugenstein	Individual	Oppose	No

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Karen Buncy	Individual	Oppose	No

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Clark Camp	Individual	Oppose	No

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George Lucas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do not take away my right to choose...

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christopher rose	Individual	Oppose	No

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Charles Sullivan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel that the helmet will only protect me from scrapes to the skin and cracks to the skull. It will not protect me from brain trauma and will not save my life. I'm a safe rider. If woman are legally given a choice I should also be given a choice.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Cantu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB484 It is my opinion that it should be left up to the individual if he/she wants to wear a helmet and should be forced to have it annotated on his/her license.

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William Shreve	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am not against safe riding or wearing a helmet, I am against not having the choice to do so.

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Devan Burns	Individual	Oppose	No

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shannen burns	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ronda Burns	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lamar Rolfe	Individual	Oppose	No

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Audrey L. Meehan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeffrey Goerig	Individual	Oppose	No

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Allen Stanley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Although I wear a helmet most of the time I firmly believe it is every motorcycle rider's right to choose not to. A helmet doesn't necessarily guarantee it will save your life or prevent injuries. In my friend's accident 2 years ago he got his ear ripped off partially from the chin strap. Could it have been worse who knows?? But, every rider knows the risk they take each & every time they get on their bike & if they choose to ride without a helmet that is their choice.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Albert J. Taitano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It should be the riders choice to wear or not to wear a helmet. I do wear a helmet and sometimes I do not. It all depends where I am headed to. I oppose to any new laws governing the use of helmets. I drive defensively, it's the automobile drivers I am concerned about. They seem to neglect motorcycle riders...they're the negligent ones that run into motorcycles.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew A Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We the people are ADULTS. We know the risks. We don't want a government acting like our parents, taking away our FREEDOMS. Who ever it is that pushes this bill every year should wear a helmet. What's next? Life jackets to go snorkeling? Idiots.

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Mark J. Farineau	Individual	Oppose	No

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Edwin skeen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Steve Durborow	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Palmer	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Shame on you for unconstitutionally trying to charge those who wish to exercise their right to choose wearing a helmet DOUBLE on taxes.

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Art Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I don't think it's fair that I should be penalized just because I choose not to wear a helmet.

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Sharon Akamu	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thomas Walton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Pauline Walton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Susan White	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rick Wallar	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aaron Swensen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Hayden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Sirs, as a taxpaying citizen I do believe it must be my constitutional right to have the choice to wear a helmet on my motorcycle or NOT without penalty !

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SB 484

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RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Requires applicants for category 2 (motorcycle and motor scooter) licenses to designate whether the applicant elects to wear a safety helmet with a chin strap at all times when operating the vehicle. Requires licenses to bear the indication of the election. Clarifies rate and minimum rate of tax on motorcycles and motor scooters for owners of motorcycles and motor scooters who elect to wear safety helmets. Requires category 2 licensed drivers who elect to wear safety helmets to wear safety helmets at all times. Clarifies penalties for failure to wear safety helmet for drivers electing to wear safety helmet. Specifies that motor vehicle weight tax shall be double the prescribed amount of the motor vehicle weight tax if driver does not indicate election to wear safety helmet on application. Specifies that the council shall determine an additional fee to the license application fee that shall be double the amount of the prescribed license application fee if driver does not indicate election to wear safety helmet on application.

I, DANIEL NELSON, A LICENSED MOTORCYCLE DRIVER IN THE STATE OF HAWAII GO ON RECORD AS BEING OPPOSED TO SB 484 BECAUSE IT DESCRIMENATES AGAINST ME. IN MY FREEDOM OF CHOICE TO USE OR NOT USE A SAFETY HELMET. THEN PENALIZE ME BY DOUBLING MY REGISTRATION FEES FOR MY MOTORCYCLE. AS A TAX PAYING CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF HAWAII, I WILL ENCOURAGE ALL MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST, YOU IN YOUR FORTH COMING REELECTION BIDS.

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Edward Glidden	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gary Takayama	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria S Pauley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly disagree with this bill. Please oppose now. Please stop trying to make decisions for me about my personal safety. Give me the freedom our forefathers intended!

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Randy J Pauley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill becoming law. It restricts my freedom to make decisions for myself. I dont need anyone baby sitting me in what their views thinks are for my well being. Let us be a free people!!

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Michael A. Wallner	Individual	Oppose	No

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Wilma C. Chung	Individual	Oppose	No

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Norman Chung	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marci Calvillo	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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John Tagupa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marc Kodama	Individual	Oppose	No

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Christy Gusman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I respect all who ride and elect to wear helmets. We all know that more people are killed on motorcycles because of speeding, alcohol/drug use, riding without the proper skills or license, and simply by not keeping the rubber side down and the shiny side up. Why should I have to wear a helmet because they are stupid?

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Ryan Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bruce Race	Individual	Oppose	No

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rosy thomas	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stacy Zerk	Individual	Oppose	No

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Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Support for S.B. No. 484 Relating to Transportation

Thank you for this opportunity to support of SB 484 Relating to Transportation. As an active motorcyclist in the Hawaii community, I am a supporter of helmet use among island riders. I have personally witnessed more motorcycle accidents than I can recall which would have been fatal or otherwise head-traumatic had the riders not been wearing helmets. Time and time again we hear stories of 'I wouldn't be alive if I was not wearing my helmet,' or, 'a Hawaii motorcyclist died today. The rider was not wearing a helmet.' It is based on strong data from our State that riders who do not wear helmets are at increased risk of substantial head injury, and of course the more obvious, death. Yet, head trauma not only affects the health and well-being of the individual rider. The high costs associated with non-fatal head injuries far too often ripple out and unnecessarily burden on the taxpayers of Hawaii. Since Hawaii does not require motorcyclists to carry health insurance or no-fault/medical insurance, costly bills accrued as a result of preventable head injuries too often become the obligation of taxpayers, as crash victims may often rely on taxpayer-funded insurance programs to pay the sizable bills (which can quickly exceed \$1 million). In nearly all aspects of our community it is arguably fundamental that individuals be held accountable and take responsibility for their actions, positive and negative. Why, then, do we want to allow individuals to make a so-called thought out, responsible, and conscious decision not to wear a helmet, and when the unthinkable happens allow them to pass the financial burden, which they created, on to the taxpayers? It is downright unfair, and as a taxpayer I do not feel as though I should have to pay as a result of somebody else's negligent decision.

Choosing to wear or not a helmet is a personal choice, and individuals should be afforded such freedom to govern their lives in ways they see fit. However, when an individual's choices inflict or have the potential to inflict harm or burden onto others, we need to take action. I consider myself a compassionate, caring member of the Hawaii community, and I believe we should open our arms and help those in their time of need and misfortune. However, when need and misfortune are created as a direct result of cognizant and rational decisions where the risks were known and considered, we need to promote accountability, not reward. For SB 484, that means paying a little extra 'premium' on licensing or registration fees and being responsible for the choice of whether or not to wear a helmet. The idea of SB 484 is not a new one; Kentucky and Michigan already require adult motorcyclists who ride without helmets to carry health insurance or additional insurance beyond that required of helmeted riders.

Requiring motorcycle riders to declare whether they will be 'helmeted' or 'unhelmeted' (and be held responsible and accountable for that declaration) is nowhere near a universal helmet law, but is a step in the right direction. Beyond reducing the fatality rate of motorcycle collision-related deaths, the funds generated from SB 484 could be used to offset the financial burden that head-injured, unhelmeted motorcycle riders place on the taxpayers. This bill also serves as a stepping stone for future gains in motorcycle safety, injury prevention, and reduced health care expenditure in our State.

As an individual who once chose to ride motor scooters without a helmet in my younger days, I have first-hand experience with the physical and financial consequences which can result from making such an election, and I wish that no one has to endure the same. I support this bill and the vital role it plays in promoting safety, accountability and responsibility among motorcyclists and motor scooter riders in Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to support of SB 484.

Aloha,
Brian Connors

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Bernard E. Cortinez	Individual	Oppose	No

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Josie Pelch	Individual	Oppose	No

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M.King	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My freedom of choice should not be taxed higher, because I don't choose to wear a helmet. Studies have not proved that the use of helmets save lives any more than they have killed those that were wearing them.

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David Foster	Individual	Oppose	No

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Anthony Paresa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am for helmet choice. I choose to wear one when I ride. I support someone's right not to wear one when they do.

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Maynard Olson	Individual	Oppose	No

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February 4, 2013

Senate Committee,

While I appreciate your initiative and think I understand the reasoning behind SB484, I feel compelled to share with you my thoughts and experiences. I firmly believe that a motorcyclist should have the right to choose to wear a helmet. Personally, helmets can be restrictive by limiting the visual field and deafening the auditory system of the rider. As you may know, an accident is rarely the fault of the motorcyclist. Other motorists make the roadways dangerous and any device that limits a rider's ability to navigate the roads should not be a requirement.

Research shows three percent of motorcycle accidents resulted in death were actually due to the helmet itself.

Data can be analyzed, presented, and interpreted to meet the presenter's needs. For example, State of Hawaii statistics suggest an incline in motorcycle deaths in 5 out of the last 6 years. This seems daunting. The question that should be asked is have there also been increases in motorcycle owners and bikes on the road. If this is true the data on increased deaths may not be statistically significant. National data suggests the following: In 1997 there were a total of 2,116 motorcycle accidents, in 2008 there were 5,367. This is an overall increase of 60% more accidents. In 1997 there were 3.8 million registered motorcycle owners, in 2008 there were 7.1 million registered owners. This is a 46% increase in the total number of motorcyclists. Are these differences as significant as they are made to sound at the beginning?

A motorcycle crash is a gruesome scene. Scenes as such, explain why people, such as yourself have an emotional reaction and sense of responsibility to protect riders. Before making any decisions please consume data from a variety of sources and do not just rely on presented numbers.

Mahalo,

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Ricky Cassell	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Thomas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I see this as an extra tax on law abiding citizens. Hawaii already has a helmet law on the books that's not being enforced. What comes next? Will my health coverage go up or be denied because I choose to ride a motorcycle.

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Fred Bart	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: This Bill #484, is truly unfair to Bikers. America, as well as motorcycle riders is based on freedom of lifestyles and choices. This is not a issue for government to decide, but for the individual rider. Let those who ride decide.

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Tod Morimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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willis webster	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Head injuries are not the problem. Selling helmets is the problem.

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eric fleming	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul Sur	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Chabriel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Leave this issue alone. Wearing a helmet or not, in an accident, depending on speed, the cyclist can break his neck due to the weight of a helmet. Leave this issue alone.

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Chris Chabriel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Adele Chabriel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Lyman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Al O'Connor	Individual	Oppose	No

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tr cager	Individual	Oppose	No

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I strongly oppose this measure as it removes an individuals' freedom of pursuit of happiness as given in the bill of rights. Also this bill is discriminatory because it singles out those motorcyclists who choose to ride without a helmet. I am a registered voter and property owner, I vote and I remember. Thank you.

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Al Cummings	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe it should be our right to choose whether we want to wear a helmet or not. This bill is unfair in that we will be penalized one way or another by imposing additional taxes to our registration. We suffer enough on vehicle taxes. What about doing something to our roadways, paving, signage, etc. There are many roads that are in dire need of repair, some of the worst, unsafe roads in America.

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Steven Loretero	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Armistead	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm over 60 years old and should have the right to decide if I want to wear a helmet.

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Ginger Armistead	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I want the right to decide.

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Patti Takayama	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stephen Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

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SB484

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kele Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Pono Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DAMIEN RAGASA	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Wear of safety helmet should remain an individual FREEDOM of choice, WITHOUT PENALTIES, period. PROPOSED BILL translates as: you dont have to wear a helmet, but we will finacially penalize you yearly for not doing so at registration, and if you do elecet to wear a helmet on your license and get pulled over and you are not wearing a helmet we are going to finacially penalize you, so wear a helmet or YOU WILL PAY....their is no FREDDOM OF CHOICE in that bill, its like Do what I Say or pay!!! DUMP IT!!!!

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Michael Remocaldo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bart Snow	Individual	Oppose	No

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Carol Takashima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: When will you stop telling people what to do? EDUCATE all drivers, make motorcycle classes more available, right now too many people are getting motorcycle licenses on an automatic scooter and that enables them to get a motorcycle (usually too big) and then there are bad accidents. Bring back the commercial with the motorcycle/car crash at an intersection! That got people talking and looking. Mahalo Carol Takashima

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry N. Holu	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Your bill targets a specific group and is very discriminatory in nature. I believe in safety first but everyone who uses Hawaii's roads including the State of Hawaii have a responsibility in promoting safety when they are sharing the roads with motorcyclist or maintaining the roads properly.

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Jerry Dorff	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let those who ride decide, without prejudice of double fees and taxes, to force the use of helmets. We will see which of you in the legislature, and state senate are in the Insurance lobbyists back pocket!

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Kevin Hermo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Valerie Shimsato	Individual	Oppose	No

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Anthony Cabacungan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let those who ride decide. People who think they are helping others by creating laws that don't pertain to them because they don't ride motorcycles should not be allowed to vote on this bill. Is the next bill to propose that people caught without their seatbelts on be penalized on their auto registrations and their license also?

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Alexius E Joseph	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Wes G. Lum	Individual	Oppose	No

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joel hijirida	Individual	Oppose	No

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andrew hijirida	Individual	Oppose	No

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adam hijirida	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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william gass	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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