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SUBJECT: SB 693 Photo Red Light Pilot Project - Opposed with Suggestion

Aloha Chairs and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on SB 693, which would implement a three-year photo red light imaging detector system.

While I am very concerned about the number of motorists and bicyclists who run red lights, this bill would require the citation go to the registered owner of the vehicle rather than the actual offending driver. This is fundamentally wrong. Requiring the owner to prove his or her innocence goes against the presumption of innocence that our society is built on.

In encourage the introducers to look at technology that is used elsewhere that allows photos to be taken of the driver as well as the license plate.