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February 21, 2014

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 2726, S.D. 1, Relating to Transportation

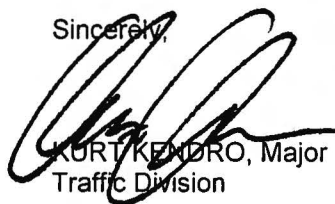
I am Kurt Kendro, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu. The HPD is opposed to the passage of Senate Bill No. 2726, S.D. 1, Relating to Transportation. This bill would allow all-terrain vehicles (ATV) on any street if the ATV is being used as farm equipment, the driver has a category (3) license or a commercial driver's license, and the operator is wearing a helmet.

ATVs are not designed to be operated on a street. They lack the appropriate lighting, are not registered vehicles, are not required to have insurance, and would pose a risk to other vehicles. In addition, as defined in the bill, the term "farm equipment" is very broad. Anyone could put a piece of yard equipment such as a lawn mower or a leaf blower on the ATV and be able to operate the ATV on any public street without any recourse by law enforcement.

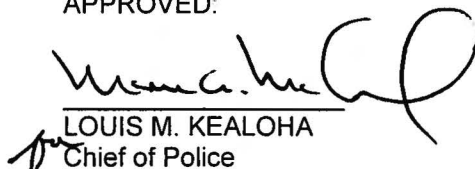
The HPD strongly urges you to oppose Senate Bill No. 2726, S.D. 1, Relating to Transportation.

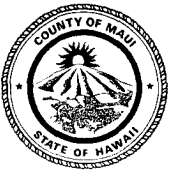
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


KURT KENDRO, Major
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February 5, 2014

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Transportation
and International Affairs
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Bill No. 2726 – Relating to Transportation

Dear Chair English and Members of the Committee:

The Maui Police Department opposes the passing of SB 2726. This bill would allow all-terrain vehicles (ATV) to be driven on any street if the ATV is being used as farm equipment; if the operator holds a current category (3) license or a commercial driver's license, and if the operator and passengers wear safety helmets secured with a chin strap.

The passage of this bill will lead to numerous safety and traffic concerns. ATV's have little safety equipment to protect its operators and, due to their small size, may easily be overlooked by other motorists. The Maui Police Department believes that it will lead to accidents and injuries resulting from the use of ATV's on public roadways.

The Maui Police Department opposes SB 2726.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Friday, February 21, 2014
11:30 a.m. Conference Room 016

SB 2726 SD1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Allows all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and utility-terrain vehicles to be driven on any street if the ATV or utility-terrain vehicle is being used as farm equipment, if the operator holds a current category (3) license or commercial driver's license, and if operator and passenger wears safety helmets secured with a chin strap.
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Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alex Franco I'm President of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC). HCC is a statewide umbrella organization made up of five county level Cattlemen's Associations and represents 130 members involved in the cattle industry in Hawaii.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council supports SB 2726 SD1 as it allows farmers and ranchers to utilize ATV's and utility-terrain vehicles to legally travel on the public roads to go from one pasture, field, or TMK to another. Many farms and ranches here in Hawaii are split up by public roads, and by having the ability to utilize what is already an important piece of farm equipment in the field to also travel to other parcels split up by these roads makes it more multipurpose and efficient, helping farmers to keep their cost under control.

We would also like to amend Bill 2726 SD1. Listed below are amendments that we will be including in Hawaii Cattlemen's Council's testimony tomorrow on SB 2727 SD1.

- 1) Allowed only on public roads that are not more than 2 lanes with marked speed limits signs not exceeding 35 mph.
- 2) Must be traveling between Ag zoned properties.
- 3) Not permitted in Counties with a population exceeding 500,000 local residents. (This will exclude Oahu)
- 4) Along with a valid driver's license driver must also present a laminated ID indicating employment or ownership connected with Ag property that he or she is traveling to or from.
- 5) Not driven on public roads during the hours of darkness

Thank you for your time in allowing us to give our testimony.