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H.B. 2746
RELATING TO VEHICULAR LOLLYGAGGING

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent** of the bill with comments. H.B. 2746 requires drivers in the left lane to safely move to the adjacent lane when being approached from the rear by multiple vehicles traveling at a higher rate of speed.

This bill has the potential to reduce road rage, decrease passing on the right, promote driver courtesy, and restore lane discipline. However, we have the following comments:

1. Proposed amendment 291C-41(b)(2) adds the condition of "The vehicle is proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic..." which conflicts with the existing 291C-41(b) requiring this vehicle to be in the right lane.
2. Proposed amendment 291C-41(b)(3) requires the vehicle to impede three or more vehicles before having to move to the adjacent lane. This could decrease safety as a driver knowing how many vehicles are behind may be difficult to determine and could distract the driver's attention to what is in front such as approaching traffic queues, roadway conditions ahead, and following the route to the driver's destination.
3. The bill does not account for left lane situations such as a high occupancy vehicle lane, an exit on the left, and taking a different highway.
4. Increasing the flow of traffic through the promotion of a faster moving lane may be appropriate for freeways. On other types of roadway, this has the potential to decrease safety for pedestrians, and turning vehicles coming from cross streets or driveways.
5. The implementation of a statewide public awareness campaign as required in SECTION 3 would require additional resources for DOT.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Aweau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In full support of legislation. Properly executed and enforced. This legislation will help in heavy traffic situations and provide relief for commuters in accident-prone areas that have encounter a high rate of vehicular lollygagging. Mahalo.

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Michael Brittain	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Gregory D Studt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a great bill, I hope it passes.

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Y. Kahala	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. I support the intent of the bill to keep lollygaggers out of the far left lane on our roadways. This should apply to BOTH any roadway or highway with 2 or more lanes. Slow drivers in the far left lane not only impede the flow of traffic (resulting in more traffic jams) but also compromises safety by forcing other drivers to pass on the right, and in many cases causes driver angst or road rage. However, I believe the current language of the bill is too confusing and needs to be "dumbed down" for all drivers from ages 15 to 95 to be able to remember and understand. The requirement for at least 3 drivers behind is a scenario that is difficult to remember and enforce. I would remove this requirement altogether and simplify the language as follows: "Requires drivers in the FAR left lane to safely move to the adjacent RIGHT lane if the driver's vehicle is APPROACHED OR FOLLOWED from the rear by ANOTHER vehicle AND the driver is proceeding at less than THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT OR the normal speed of traffic." The idea is to keep the language simple and easy to understand. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Starr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB2746, however I would like to see the addition of restrictions of "lollygaggers" to only utilize the far right lane of multiple lane highways. This will require slower traffic to keep as far to the right as possible. With the basic rule being; if you are not traveling faster than the cars to the right of you, you should not be in the left lane. In addition, drivers that successfully pass shall move to the right to allow others to pass. Ideally I'd also like to see restrictions on braking prior to turn signal execution. But that we can save for another bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Adolph Lemos	Individual	Support	No

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Russell Sasaoka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I agree with HP2746 and have seen the benefits of this Bill. I had lived on the mainland for 17 years and in the states that I have lived in, have seen the benefits of slow drivers in the left lane, move to allow faster drivers to pass them. Since moving back, I have seen a lot of drivers, driving either at or slower than the posted speed limit and watch as the faster drivers have to move to the right to pass them on the freeways. I have also seen all lanes held up by vehicles occupying all lanes and driving at the same speed causing further traffic.

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Charlie Field	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

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TO: Members of the Committee on Transportation

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HEARING: 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 17, 2016

SUBJECT: HB 2746 – Relating to Vehicular Lollygagging – **Comments**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on HB2746, which would require vehicles in the left lane to yield and move to the right under certain circumstances.

It is not clear to me how this would impact bicyclists. As you know, bicycles are considered vehicles and are required to follow most of the same laws as motorists.

When bicyclists desire to turn left on a multi-lane road, they are required to do so from the left lane or left-turn-only lane (LTOL). While they are in that left lane or on the way to the LTOL, several motorists may come up and follow them behind. If this bill were to be made law, it appears it would apply to bicyclists in this situation.

Please amend this bill, so that bicyclists would still be allowed to turn left.

Testimony about HB2746, by Kenneth Morrison:

Everyone I see going in the fast lane is doing at least the speed limit. The only people affected are usually people trying to exceed the speed limit, and in my experience by +10 mph. As this bill mentions, a similar law is already in effect and is ineffective. Perhaps we shouldn't blame people doing the speed limit in the left lane for road rage, and instead encourage people with road rage issues to reevaluate what is really making them so mad. It's most likely, insecurities, or childhood trauma, or even frustration with a legislative body that wastes time on bad legislation.

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