
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OVERTAKING A BICYCLIST.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to specify the safe
2 distance for a motor vehicle to overtake a bicycle.

3 SECTION 2. Section 291C-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "~~§~~291C-43~~§~~ **Overtaking a vehicle on the left.** The
6 following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of
7 vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to those
8 limitations, exceptions, and special rules hereinafter stated:

9 (1) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle
10 proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the
11 left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again
12 drive to the right side of the roadway until safely
13 clear of the overtaken vehicle~~[-]~~; provided that the
14 minimum safe distance for a motor vehicle to overtake
15 a bicycle is three feet; and

16 (2) Except when overtaking and passing on the right is
17 permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall



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1 give way to the right in favor of the overtaking
2 vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the
3 speed of the driver's vehicle until completely passed
4 by the overtaking vehicle."

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



By Request

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Report Title:

Motor Vehicles; Bicycle

Description:

Specifies the minimum safe distance for a motor vehicle to overtake a bicycle.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 18, 2015
10:05 AM
State Capitol, Room 229

H.B. 316
RELATING TO OVERTAKING A BICYCLIST

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation ("DOT") **supports the intent** of this bill which specifies the minimum safe distance for a motor vehicle to overtake a bicycle.

Drivers would have a difficult time determining if they have the allowable three feet distance due to varying roadway conditions, different vehicle speeds, and board range in driving skills.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



February 18, 2015

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
ON HB 316 RELATING TO OVERTAKING A BICYCLIST**

Thank you Chair Aquino and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 400 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Road safety is critically important to us, and passing can be a most hazardous maneuver so we understand the desire to create an extensive safety zone while executing it.

The danger is acute for a bicycle whether passing or being passed so creating an extensive safety zone needs to apply to both maneuvers.

Therefore, we suggest adding the following amendments to provide for the safety of bicyclists.

[§291C-143] Riding on bicycles.

(c) A bicycle shall not pass a motor vehicle on the right within 10 feet of any intersection, or a driveway to the right.

d) A bicycle shall not travel adjacent to, nor pass a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating over 10,000 pounds unless such vehicle is stopped in traffic and not preparing to make a turn.

Bicycles are difficult to see, and motorists are not well conditioned to notice one in an area where traffic is not expected.

Motor vehicles over 10,000 pounds GVWR can be up to nine feet wide. This might leave some space for bicycles to pass on the right, however, it is so much more difficult to detect a bicycle from the driving position of such vehicles. Much of the time these drivers have no idea a bike is adjacent to them.

Being a most vulnerable party deserves extra consideration from others, at the same time the most vulnerable need to participate in considerations to assist in their own safety.

Mahalo.



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Representative Henry Aquino, Chair
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House Transportation Committee

Testimony in Support of HB316- Safe Passing

Aloha Representative Aquino and Representative LoPresti,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Safe Passing bill (include appropriate bill - SB128, SB418, or HB316). Please consider amending the bill to require 4 feet clearance where practical.

This bill will establish a clear rule that motorists must pass a cyclist within a safe distance. It will serve as a valuable educational tool and be backed by enforcement. Being rear ended or sideswiped is a fear for most cyclist – and these types of crashes account for 44% of cyclist fatalities. Being "buzzed," when someone passes you within inches of your life, is an all too common experience. This bill will make the law clear that this behavior is illegal and will go far in reducing this dangerous practice.

Safe Passing laws have been established in 32 states and DC. Some Hawaii business have already put Safe Passing policies in place - Roberts Hawaii requires it's drivers to give 6 feet and TheBus requires 7-8 feet.

Let's bring this accepted "best practice" into law and make our roads safer. Four cyclists died last year, let's work together to bring this number down to zero.

Thank you,

Tina Clothier
Executive Director
PATH- Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii



Feb 15th, 2015

Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Rep. Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice Chair

Aloha Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino and Rep. Matthew S. LoPresti,

The Maui Bicycling League, a chapter of the Hawaii Bicycling League, gives its support for the Safe Passing bill HB316, our members ask that you consider an amendment to the bill to require that motorists give cyclist four feet of clearance rather than three feet.

An amendment to this bill will ensure that motorists must give cyclists a safe amount of space when they pass. Too many cyclists have been struck, sideswiped or brushed by a passing car, and according to data from the League of American Cyclists, 44 percent of all car vs. cyclist fatalities are a result of a motorist passing too closely. Today, many cyclists ride with video cameras so that when an incident does occur, they have supporting evidence. If there was an enforceable passing law, it would make passing a cyclist too close illegal and will save lives.

Thirty-two states and the District of Columbia have Safe Passing laws. Pennsylvania's Safe Passing law requires motorists to give cyclists four feet. There are already Safe Passing policies in place in Hawaii, including Roberts Hawaii's requirement its to give cyclists six feet of space when passing. Please amend and support the Safe Passing bill (XXXput bill number here) to require a minimum passing distance of four feet, and make the roadways safe for all users.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Saman Dias". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Maui Bicycling League

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February 17, 2015
Representative Henry Aquino,
Chair Transportation Committee

Testimony Strongly Supporting HB316

Aloha,
Hawaii Bicycling League **strongly supports HB316**. We request the bill be **amended to 4 feet**.

HB316 is necessary to establish a clear rule that motorists must pass a cyclist with a safe amount of space. 4 Feet, It's the Law. It will make it clear to motorist what is safe and legal. It will make our roads safer and more welcoming to cyclists.

HB316 Will Make Our Roads Safer

HB316 will contribute to addressing one of biggest real and perceived dangers to bicyclists – being hit by an overtaking vehicle. A national survey found that one in nine bicyclists felt threatened on their last ride and “someone drove too close to me” was the primary reason. These statistics are verified by local cyclists; with many reporting frequently being “buzzed,” when a motorist passes within inches of your life, and even more unfortunate stories of cyclists injured or killed. The statistics show the danger is real; being “rear ended” or “sideswiped” accounts for 44% of cyclist fatalities.

Making it clear to drivers that 4 feet is the law will reduce close calls and collisions from drivers overtaking cyclists.

4 Feet – Let's Embrace a Best Practice

Safe Passing laws are widespread across the US, found in 32 states and DC. While 3 feet is the most common distance, five states have laws requiring 4 feet or more. Pennsylvania has a 4-foot law and four other states (NH, RI, TX, OR) require 4 or more in certain circumstance; for example, New Hampshire requires 3 feet at 30 miles per hour and 1 additional foot per additional 10mph.

Safe Passing policies are already in place here in Hawaii – Roberts Hawaii requires it's drivers to give 6 feet and TheBus requires 7-8 feet.

Let's bring this accepted "best practice" into law and make our roads safer.

Four cyclists died last year on our roads; let's do everything we can to bring this number to zero. Please support SB316.

Thank you very much for considering the comments of Hawaii Bicycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Chad Taniguchi (808-735-5756, chad@hbl.org) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, Daniel@hbl.org).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

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Chad Taniguchi
Executive Director
Hawaii Bicycling League

Daniel Alexander
Advocacy Director
Hawaii Bicycling League



**Letter of Support
HB316 - Safe Passing Bill**

Dear Representatives,

Cycle Manoa is writing to express our **strong support for HB316**, the Safe Passing bill. This bill will make our roads safer for bicycling. **Please amend the bill to state 4 feet.**

Many students currently bicycle to UHM. Low cost and parking mean that bicycling is the most logical option for many students. Exercise and environmental stewardship are added bonuses. Unfortunately, we have heard countless stories (which is confirmed by a survey in UHM's Transportation Demand Management Plan) of people wanting to bike but finding our roads too dangerous.

While there is much we can do to improve the infrastructure in and around UHM, this bill can make it much safer for cyclists to use existing infrastructure. This bill will make it clear that motorists need to give 4 feet when passing a cyclist. This distance is crucial because many of the key roads accessing campus lack bike lanes; making it that much more essential that motorists pass cyclists with a safe 4 foot distance.

The Safe Passing bill is about making bicycling safer. Giving 4 feet is already the accepted safe driving behavior; we need to make it law.

Thank you,
Brandon Hicks
Cycle Manoa President
Writing on behalf of the Cycle Manoa membership

About Cycle Manoa - cyclemano.org

Cycle Manoa is a volunteer and student-run organization dedicated to encouraging cycling in the UHM community and beyond through advocacy, education, and cycling.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 316, RELATING TO OVERTAKING A BICYCLIST

Committee on Transportation

Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 10:05 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express strong support for House Bill No. 316, which would specify that the minimum safe distance for a motor vehicle to overtake a bicycle is 3 feet.

HB 316 would codify that motorists must give cyclists a safe amount of space when passing. The law would serve as a valuable education tool and be backed by law enforcement. Being rear-ended or sideswiped are major safety risks to bicyclists, and account for 44 percent of all cyclist fatalities. In addition, being “buzzed” – when a vehicle passes a cyclist too close and causes a near-accident – is all too common. This bill would clarify that this is illegal and dangerous behavior.

Safe Passing laws are found in 32 states and the District of Columbia, and such policies are already in place here in Hawai'i – for example, Roberts Hawai'i requires its drivers to give bicyclists 6 feet of clearance, and TheBus requires 7-8 feet. I urge you to codify this accepted best practice to help make our roads safer for everyone. Last year four cyclists died on our roads; we would like that number to be zero.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 316.

Rachel Hibbard
250 Ohua Ave. #7E
Honolulu, HI 96815

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Troy Vickrey

250 Ohua Ave. #7E

Honolulu, HI 96815

February 14, 2015

Re: HB316

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you offering a bill to specify the safe distance for a motor vehicle to overtake a bicycle. I support the bill enthusiastically. I respectfully ask that you increase the distance of three feet in the existing bill to four feet.

I am a 63 year male cancer survivor who has use of one arm, is tubefed and on oxygen 24/7. I ride a recumbent trike that allows me to get exercise outdoors. I am blessed to be able to ride my bike and keep fit.

I also have used the King Street Track, bike lanes to Hawaii Kai, Sandy Beach to Kailua, Ala Moana park, Ala Wai Canal, Date Street, Kalakaua Ave by Kapiolani Park, the Pearl Harbor bike path and others.

I feel very secure on the King Street Track and somewhat secure on the designated bike lanes. When there are no bike lane I don't feel so safe. I keep a very watchful eye in my rearview mirror especially with busy traffic. Most motorists do not overtake my trike with much if any space between us. The Bus and Roberts Hawaii buses plus the occasional motorist are the only vehicles I notice that give a wide berth when passing me.

I encourage you and support you to pass this bill and any other legislation that provides bikers and/or pedestrians a safer place on the roads of our beautiful island. There's no feeling like have the wind in your face with the sun shining down as I bike all over Oahu.

Warm regards and Mahalo Nui,

Jesse Jones

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Submitted on: 2/15/2015

Testimony for TRN on Feb 18, 2015 10:05AM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aaron Landry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a bicyclist as well as an advocate for better transportation solutions in the state, I cannot express how important a safe passing distance for people riding bicycles is. The actual safety issue, foremost, is extremely important, but this bill provides more than this: it helps mitigate one of the largest issues people have when they choose to use a bicycle or not: fear of the roads. Hawaii should be encouraging people to use a bicycle instead of a car, considering we have some of the worst traffic in the US. Making a safe passing distance law should hopefully help people feel safer and more comfortable with the choice to use a bicycle. This bill is also very standard across 32 other states and Washington, D.C.. My only suggestion is that a four foot distance be considered instead of three. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Transportation
Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 10:05 a.m.
Carl Clapp

HB 316 – RELATING TO OVERTAKING A BICYCLIST

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair LoPresti and members of the Committee:

I use our roads to bicycle between 20 and 30 miles a day commuting both to and from work and riding recreationally on weekends. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 316 that specifies the minimum safe distance for a motor vehicle to overtake a bicycle.

As an avid cyclist, I regularly ride as far to the right of the roadway as possible. Bike lanes make this easy. Sharrow lanes enhance safety for cyclists. Many roads in the state do not provide either bike or sharrow lanes. At times, careless drivers come way to close to cyclists when overtaking them.

This bill will enhance safety for cyclists in our State and raise additional awareness that motor vehicle drivers and cyclists need to share the road in the interest of everyone's safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janice Marsters	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members: I strongly support HB316, relating to overtaking a bicyclist. As an avid recreational cyclist and occasional bicycle commuter, I am often "buzzed" by vehicles passing too closely to me, and on one occasion was struck by a vehicle mirror. There is no excuse for a vehicle to squeeze a cyclist off the road, when they often have to wait for only a few seconds for a safe passing situation. Many other states have a 3-foot passing rule, and Hawaii would show its support for the safety of alternative transportation users by passing this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support and expand this to four feet. If you ever rode a bicycle on Maui's Pi'ilani Hwy, and crossed one of the gulches (Riding IN the designated bike lane) you would immediately realize bicyclists need a minimum of 4 feet for safety. Mahalo, Mike Moran Kihei, Maui

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JONATHAN LOTT	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Dear Chairman Aquino and members of the Transportation Committee, I strongly support HB 316! Nearly everyone in Hawaii will agree that there are some "crazy" drivers on our roads, and this bill will help define "crazy" driving with regards to passing bicycles. Unless you've had the frightening experience of being buzzed by a motor vehicle passing your unprotected self at high speed, you do not appreciate how scary that feels. Sometimes the law needs to spell out what common sense should dictate--this is an example of that. Polls reveal that the Number 1 reason more people don't ride bikes for transportation (and recreation) is FEAR. This bill directly addresses the reason for the fear. Isn't having more people choosing to ride, rather than drive, a GOOD thing? Time for Hawaii to join all the other states who already figured out that this kind of law is needed. Mahalo, Jon Lott, Waikiki--carless by choice for 10 years, and tired of being bullied on the road

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Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Feb 15th, 2015

Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Rep. Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice Chair


Aloha Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino and Rep. Matthew S. LoPresti,

I support for the Safe Passing bill HB316, I ask that you consider an amendment to the bill to require that motorists give cyclist four feet of clearance rather than three feet.

An amendment to this bill will ensure that motorists must give cyclists a safe amount of space when they pass. Too many cyclists have been struck, sideswiped or brushed by a passing car, and according to data from the League of American Cyclists, 44 percent of all car vs. cyclist fatalities are a result of a motorist passing too closely. Today, many cyclists ride with video cameras so that when an incident does occur, they have supporting evidence. If there was an enforceable passing law, it would make passing a cyclist too close illegal and will save lives.

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Sincerely,

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Saman Dias
Maui Resident

TO: Representative Aquino, Transportation Committee Chair

RE: HB 316, Safe Passing Bill

Aloha Representative Aquino,

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This bill will establish a clear rule that motorists must pass a cyclist with a safe distance. It will serve as a valuable education tool and be backed by enforcement. Being rear ended or sideswiped are major safety risks to a person bicycling, and account for 44% of cyclist fatalities. Being "buzzed," when someone passes you within inches of your life, is unfortunately all too common. As a person who commutes by bicycle, I am regularly terrified by drivers who won't afford me space when passing. This bill will make the law clear that this is illegal and will reduce this dangerous behavior.

Safe Passing laws are widespread across the US, found in 32 states and DC. Safe Passing policies are already in place here in Hawaii - Roberts Hawaii requires its drivers to give 6 feet and TheBus requires 7-8 feet. Let's bring this accepted "best practice" into law and make our roads safer. Four cyclists died last year, let's do everything we can to bring this number to zero.

Thank you,

Germaine Salim

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendon Hanna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Aquino, I wish to register my strong support for HB316, the Safe Passing bill. Currently, while people riding bikes may take the full lane when necessary for safety, many people driving cars do not understand this. A safe passing margin, defined by law, would be an excellent educational tool, as well as an enforceable safety measure, to ensure that motorists allow sufficient clearance when passing cyclists on the road. Our roads need to be safe for all users, and this legislation would make a huge contribution. Thank you, Brendon Hanna

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Travis Counsell	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing to express my strong support for the Safe Passing bill HB316. Please consider amending the bill to require 4 feet clearance. Or 3 ft for passenger vehicles and 5 feet for commercial vehicles. This bill will establish a clear rule that motorists must pass a cyclist with a safe amount of space. It will serve as a valuable education tool and be backed by enforcement. Being rear ended or sideswiped are major safety risks to someone bicycling - they accounts for 44% of cyclist fatalities. Being "buz zed," when someone passes you within inches of your life, is unfortunately all too common. This bill will make the law clear that this illegal and will reduce this dangerous behavior. Safe Passing laws are widespread across the US, found in 32 states and DC. Safe Passing policies are already in place here in Hawaii - Roberts Hawaii requires it's drivers to give 6 feet and TheBus requires 7-8 feet. Let's bring this accepted "best practice" into law and make our roads safer. Four cyclists died last year, let's do everything we can to bring this number to zero. Mahalo

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Aloha Senator Aquino,

I don't own a car and other than walking, bicycling is my primary form of transportation. I am writing to express my very strong support for the Safe Passing bill HB316 for my own safety and the safety of all cycling and driving Hawaiians.

As a daily rider, I try to stay as far right as possible. Problem is, many drivers use that as an opportunity to pass dangerously close especially during congested periods. I'm convinced most people don't have any idea how close they are when passing a cyclist. An extra foot seems only prudent especially when it concerns large busses. I would encourage you ride a bike sometime and see for yourself what I'm referring to. Please endorse this bills and make Hawaii a more safe place for everyone!

Mahalo nui loa.

Ted Crawford

Representative Aquino, Transportation Committee Chair

Aloha Representative Aquino,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Safe Passing bill HB316. Through my experience of being a bike commuter for the past 10 years, I believe the bill should be amended to require 4 feet clearance.

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Joseph Cengia

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I am writing to express my strong support for the Safe Passing bill (include appropriate bill - SB128, SB418, or HB316). Please consider amending the bill to require 4 feet clearance.

This bill will establish a clear rule that motorists must pass a cyclist with a safe amount of space. It will serve as a valuable education tool and be backed by enforcement. Being rear ended or sideswiped are major safety risks to someone bicycling - they accounts for 44% of cyclist fatalities. Being "buzzed," when someone passes you within inches of your life, is unfortunately all too common. This bill will make the law clear that this illegal and will reduce this dangerous behavior.

I am a resident of Honolulu. I don't own a car and I bicycle to work and for shopping. Quite often I am menaced by drivers who miss me by inches and who often gun their engines or increase their speed as they pull up alongside me. This occurs even when I am all the way to the curb. I am often yelled out and told that I don't belong on the roads.

Safe Passing laws are widespread across the US, found in 32 states and DC. Safe Passing policies are already in place here in Hawaii - Roberts Hawaii requires it's drivers to give 6 feet and TheBus requires 7-8 feet. Let's bring this accepted "best practice" into law and make our roads safer. Four cyclists died last year, let's do everything we can to bring this number to zero.

Thank you,
Daniel Roselle