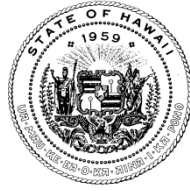


# **SB1334**

RELATING TO OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED.

Allows law enforcement officers to seize and tow a motor vehicle if operator is arrested or cited for various alcohol-related traffic offenses.

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February 12, 2015  
2:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 229

**S.B. 1334**  
**RELATING TO OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED**

Senate Committee(s) on Transportation  
And Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 1334 relating to operating a vehicle while intoxicated. This bill will allow law enforcement officers to seize and tow a motor vehicle if the operator is arrested or cited for various alcohol-related traffic offenses.

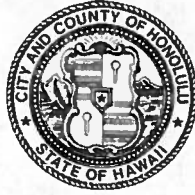
By giving the authority for police to tow the vehicle upon arrest for driving intoxicated, it will be a strong deterrent for drivers to think about driving after drinking.

The DOT urges your support in passing S.B. 1334 as it gives a strong message for those who continue to drink and drive.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 12, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
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Dear Chairs Nishihara and Espero and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 1334, Relating to Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated

I am Calvin Tong, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu. The HPD supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 1334, Relating to Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated.

The passage of this bill will allow law enforcement officers to tow a motor vehicle if the operator is arrested or cited for various alcohol-related traffic offenses. Oftentimes the offending motorist is stopped on a freeway or other public roadway that may cause an obstruction or hazard to traffic. This bill will allow the offending motorist's vehicle to be towed without the need for his or her consent.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 1334, Relating to Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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CALVIN TONG, Major  
Traffic Division

APPROVED:

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**SB1334**

Submitted on: 2/11/2015

Testimony for TRA/PSM on Feb 12, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin F. Kollar	County of Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney	Support	Yes

Comments: We support for the reasons stated in the testimony of the Hawaii County Prosecuting Attorney.

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STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL  
Thursday, February 12, 2015  
2:45 PM

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Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY  
AFFAIRS  
Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs, and members of both Committees,

Subject: **Support SB 1334**

The State Highway Safety Council supports SB 1334, which establishes a three-year pilot photo red light imaging detector system program.

According to FARS 2006-2010, there were 7 fatalities attributed to red light running. Red light cameras have been studied for over 12 years. As of February of 2015, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that 469 communities across the U.S have red light camera programs.<sup>1</sup> In the review of the effectiveness of red-light cameras, the negatives are that they could increase rear-end crashes, the positives are that they could reduce side-impact crashes, and could reduce overall crash severity at the locations the cameras are placed and publicized. Cameras were found to be most beneficial at intersections with a known higher ratio of angle crashes to rear-end crashes.<sup>2</sup>

The State Highway Safety Council (SHSC) advises the DOT on matters relating to the programs and activities of the State in the field of highway safety. SHSC members include representatives from public, private, and all four counties.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Sincerely,

Kari Benes, Co-Chair  
State Highway Safety Council

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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.iihs.org/iihs/topics/laws/automated\\_enforcement?topicName=red-light-running](http://www.iihs.org/iihs/topics/laws/automated_enforcement?topicName=red-light-running)

<sup>2</sup> WHO. (2004) World Report on Road Traffic Injury prevention. Geneva, Switzerland.: World Health Organization.



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February 10, 2015

To: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, Senate Committee on  
Transportation; Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair, and members of the  
Committee  
&  
Senator Will Espero, Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs; Senator Rosalyn  
Baker, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee

From: Arkie Koehl/Carol McNamee—Co-chairmen, Public Policy Committee -  
MADD Hawaii

Re: Senate Bill 1334 – Relating to Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated

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I am Arkie Koehl, offering testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in support of Senate Bill 1334. This measure allows the towing and impoundment of vehicles being driven by intoxicated drivers and by drivers whose license has been revoked for OVUII.

Towing and impoundment are penalties generically referred to as “vehicle sanctions.” Such sanctions are favored by many impaired driving researchers, by organizations such as MADD, and by the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration (NHTSA). The threat of surrendering a vehicle, even temporarily, has been shown to not only deter illegal drivers, but also owners asked to let such a driver borrow their car.

During informal discussions held last year among participants from MADD, HPD, the Honolulu City Council and All Island Towing, many logistical issues were clarified, resulting in general consensus that a program of towing and impoundment could be executed realistically and effectively, at least on Oahu.

We encourage the committee to pass SB 1334. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.