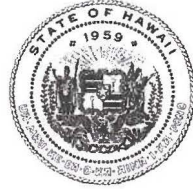


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**S.B. 2375
RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE**

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation provides **comments** on S.B. 2375 to establish a 65 mile per hour speed limit for the Daniel K. Inouye highway.

The Daniel K. Inouye highway was constructed based on a design speed of 50-60 miles per hour. The safety features such as guardrail end treatments, roadway curves, stopping sight distances, intersection sight distances, etc. were designed to meet this design speed in accordance with national standards. Setting speed limits above the design speed decreases safety for all roadway users and increases liability risk to the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 24, 2016

Senator Lorraine K. Inouye
Chairperson and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation and Energy
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Senate Bill 2375 Relating To Transportation

Dear Senator Inouye:

The Hawai'i Police Department strongly opposes the passage of Senate Bill 2375, relating to Transportation. The purpose of this Bill is to increase the maximum speed limit on the Daniel K. Inouye Highway from 55 mph to 65 miles per hour (mph).

Our opposition is based on what we know to be a road that is often shrouded in heavy fog, crossed by wild animals and having very steep grades in certain areas. Furthermore, our experience in enforcing traffic regulations on that road is that often we will encounter vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit by 25 mph or 30 miles per hour. Unfortunately, raising the maximum limit will in actuality encourage some of those motorists to continue to drive 25 to 30 mph over the posted speed limit, which would mean speeds close to 100 mph.

Throughout the nation, speed is often cited as a major factor in traffic fatalities and when coupled with steep grades, animal crossings, and fog would certainly tend to form a combination that threatens the well-being of the motoring public.

For these reasons and based upon our firsthand experience with this matter, we strongly urge this committee to **oppose** this legislation. Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Police Department to provide comments relating to Senate Bill 2375.

Sincerely,

HARRY S. KUBOJIRI
POLICE CHIEF

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Lodge, Chair	County of Hawaii Game Mngmt Advisory Commission	Support	No

Comments: We support a 65 mph speed limit on the Daniel K. Inouye Hwy. A reduction of speed near the Pohakuloa Training Area is appropriate to 50 MPH 1/2 mile on the west side of the main entrance to 1/2 mile east of the Mauna Kea County Park entrance. This Road is Traveled extensively, and the various speed reductions throughout are an inconvenience and at best serve only as speed traps. Thank you for considering this bill. Much Aloha, Tom Lodge

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Tom Lodge	hawaii hunting association	Support	No

Comments: I support a 65 mph speed limit on the D.K.Inouye Hwy. The reduction of speed near the Pohakuloa Training Area might be appropriate to 50 MPH 1/2 mile on the west side of the main entrance to 1/2 mile east of the Mauna Kea County Park entrance, but 40 is a joke. I travel this road a lot and it serves only as a speed trap to catch local commuters and unsuspecting tourists as they pass through. Thank you for considering this bill.

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Sean Higa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Josephine Keliipio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Are you KIDDING ME? Who is the DUM, DUM, who is encouraging that the speed on Saddle Road be increased to 65 MPH??? Have you folks been up there? Firstly, the road is too narrow for that kind of speed (where it is only two lanes) and secondly, THERE ARE ANIMALS CROSSING THAT ROAD AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT and thirdly there are more of us traveling in smaller cars which means the higher speed makes the road more dangerous for us to drive there. I know that people love to let loose and SPEED when going downhill especially on the west end of that road and IF they lose their brakes THEN WHAT???? JUST KEEP THE SPEED AS IS and YES, Let the Police officers enforce the speed limit up there. As a senior citizen who still drives, I LOVE the slower speeds. Mahalo. Josephine Keliipio Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740

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Tom Lodge	Individual	Support	No

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support a 65 mph speed limit on Saddle Road, which is what we will call that road forever no matter what you rename it. The reduction of speed near the Pohakuloa Training Area is unnecessary as hardly anyone ever turns in there. The military convoys already slow down the entire road when they are traveling, so no need permanently slow it down up in the middle of the road. I travel this road a lot and it serves only as a speed trap to catch local commuters and unsuspecting tourists as they pass through. The speed reduction near Mauna Kea State/County Park is appropriate as many people turn in and out there, especially now that Mayor Kenoi has built the prettiest playground on the island up there. The speed trap is too long though, and is a well know hiding spot for the authorities to set up their sting operations. Thank you for considering this bill.

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