

SB98

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Prohibits a person from tampering with a public highway or a facility of public transportation that would result in a risk of death or serious bodily injury to anyone. Defines facility of public transportation. Classifies endangering public transportation as a class C felony.

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State Capitol, Room 229

S.B. 98
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Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 98 which creates a criminal offense for the intentional damage of any facility of public transportation.

However, the DOT respectfully recommends that Section 708-835.7, HRS, Theft of Copper of the Hawaii Penal Code be amended with the language of this bill instead.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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January 26, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 204
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Testimony on Senate Bill No. 98 Relating to Transportation


I am Michael D. Formby, Director of the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

The Department of Transportation Services supports Senate Bill No. 98. The purpose of this measure prohibits a person from tampering with a public highway or a facility of public transportation that would result in a risk of death or serious bodily injury to anyone; defines facility of public transportation; and classifies endangering public transportation as a class C felony.

The proposed bill would provide us with another tool to discourage acts of vandalism and destruction of public property, and protect the traveling public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 98.

Very truly yours,


Michael D. Formby
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State Senate
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Dear Chair Nishihara and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 98, Relating to Transportation

I am Richard C. Schaab, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department supports Senate Bill No. 98, Relating to Transportation.

The Honolulu Police Department recognizes public highways and public transportation facilities as key infrastructures which can significantly impact public safety and the quality of life in this state. This bill properly addresses the seriousness of tampering with a public highway or facilities of public transportation and establishes such acts as a felony offense. We feel that this bill will provide the appropriate punishment for offenders, promote safety for the public, and serve as a deterrent.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to support Senate Bill No. 98, Relating to Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


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