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**H.B. 195
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** H.B. 195 to permit a driver of a vehicle to make a right turn from the shoulder of a roadway with a speed limit of forty-five miles per hour or higher under certain conditions for the following reasons:

1. Roadway shoulders are intended to accommodate stopped vehicles, emergency purposes, pedestrians and bicycles. Allowing this maneuver decreases the safety for all roadway users, specifically pedestrians and bicyclists, needing to use or travel on the shoulder. This bill favors motorized vehicles and is counter to our complete street efforts to make roadways safer for all users, and Federal Highways Administration focus.
2. Vehicle(s) traveling in the shoulder could block the view of vehicles attempting to enter the highway from driveways or side roads, creating an unsafe condition. Driver confusion, conflicts and collisions could also occur between vehicles using the travel lane and vehicles using the shoulder to make a right turn at the same intersection. HB 195 has the potential to increase accidents (broad side, side swipe, and rear ends), and especially high-severity accidents, since this would apply only on high speed corridors.
3. Vehicle delays on side streets and driveways could increase as vehicles slowing down in through lanes to make right turns also create gaps for vehicles to enter the highway.

We are currently looking at situations Statewide where repurposing the shoulder may provide operational benefits. However, the safety issues must be resolved before any change in use is made.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Comments: This bill will not only make it safer for drivers, but it will also help to ease our already congested roadways. Drivers should be able to make right turns without jeopardizing their safety or the safety of those driving behind them. This will also reduce the risk of drivers feeling pressured to make right turns at high speeds. I do not want to be faced with a situation in which I must choose between my safety or a paying a fine. Please support this bill.

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Comments: Aloha. I'd like to expand our right-on-red capability to include turning right from the shoulder when it is safe to do so. It is a logical extension & just makes sense! Mahalo for hearing my support for this bill!

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