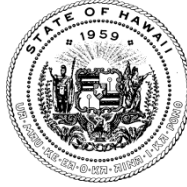


HB 727, HD1

RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES.

Allows motorcycle and motor scooter lane filtering. (HB727 HD1)



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H.B. 727, H.D.1
RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation **opposes** H.B. 727, H.D.1 that allows motorcycle and motor scooter lane filtering.

This bill permits motorcycles and motor scooters to proceed between stopped lanes of traffic (lane filter) in the same direction at a reduced rate of speed that does not exceed ten miles per hour.

The bill indicates that “lane filtering” would increase safety. However, in Hawaii, during calendar years 2009 through 2015, only two (2) out of 162 motorcycle and motor scooter fatalities involved rear end collisions. The description of the two fatal crashes are as follows: (1) a motorcycle operator struck another motorcycle operator from behind and (2) a motorcycle operator struck the driver of the motor vehicle from behind. Therefore, the data suggests that “lane filtering” will not address the current issues of motorcycle and scooter fatalities. Furthermore, “lane filtering” would increase the number of conflict points between motor vehicle drivers and motorcycle/motor scooter operators.

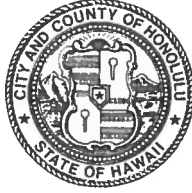
Also, with the recent trend of narrowing lanes on State and County roads to accommodate the current traffic volumes, the motorcycle rider and other vehicle operators have less room to maneuver. Allowing “lane filtering” on all roads statewide may cause an increase in collisions. If collisions were to occur that resulted in injuries as a result of “lane filtering” during “peak-hour” traffic, it would further exacerbate traffic congestion.

We thank SBU, one of the proponents of the bill for the opportunity to discuss the potential impacts. We further thank SBU for its testimony in previous hearings that recommended that the determinations of routes, times and locations that lane filtering is allowed be at the discretion of the DOT Director. If the bill is amended to include this provision, DOT has no objection.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 15, 2017

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation and Energy
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 727, H.D. 1, Relating to Motorcycles

I am Kerry Inouye, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes House Bill No. 727, H.D. 1, Relating to Motorcycles for the following reasons:

1. Allowing motorcyclists to proceed between same-bound lanes of traffic that are stopped due to congestion or the presence of an intersection may result in an increase in collisions; and
2. If a collision were to occur, it would create even more traffic congestion during peak-hour traffic.

The HPD urges you to oppose House Bill No. 727, H.D. 1, Relating to Motorcycles.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our comments.

APPROVED:

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Cary Okimoto
Acting Chief of Police

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Inouye", is written in a cursive style.

Kerry Inouye, Major
Traffic Division



Street Bikers United Hawaii (SBU) Submissions

March 13, 2017

Bill HB No. 727 HD1 (“RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES”)

Presenter: Bruce Paige
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To: Committee on Transportation and Energy; Chair Senator INOUE; Vice Chair: Senator DELA CRUZ

Introducer(s): AQUINO, House TRN Chair

Report Title: Transportation; Motorcycle Lane Filtering

Description:

Prohibits motor vehicle operators and occupants from interfering or obstructing motorcycle and motor scooter operators and passengers from cautiously travelling (at a speed not in excess of 10 mph) between lanes of same-bound traffic that are stopped at a marked or unmarked intersection or due to congestion, when it is safe to do so, on main streets, roads, highways, and freeways.

SBU Recommends Its Members Support Bill HB No. 727 HD1

For the reason expressly described in the preamble to Bill H.B. No. 727 HD1 (the “Bill”) SBU recommends its membership support the Bill and in particular, Lane Filtering as described in the Bill effectively achieves the following benefits at no expense or “external cost” to the Hawai’i motoring public at large:

- (1) It reduces the risk of loss of injury and loss of life sustained by Motorcycle operators and passengers (Motorcycle is intended here to include Motor Scooter) caused by rear end accidents from automobiles and other motor vehicles generally. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation of in a report of the US Government Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration stated:

*“A motorcycle’s narrow width can allow it to pass between lanes of stopped or slow-moving cars on roadways where the lanes are wide enough to offer an adequate gap. This option can provide an escape route for motorcyclists who would otherwise be trapped or struck from behind. There is evidence ([Hurt, 1981](#)) that traveling between lanes of stopped or slow-moving cars (i.e., **lane splitting**) on multiple-lane roads (such as interstate highways) slightly reduces crash frequency compared with staying within the lane and moving with other traffic.”*¹

Under the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (“NHTSA”) National Center for Statistics and Analysis, 2005 Report studying causes of “Fatal Two-vehicle Motorcycle Crashes” of the 1,792 Motorcycle and passenger vehicle collisions reported 204 (11%) involved rear-end collisions involving Motorcycles either rear-ending the automobile 139 times (68%) or the automobile rear-ended the Motorcycle 59 time (29%).²

¹ *Motorcycle Factors: Lane Use, US Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/Motorcycle Safety Foundation, c. 2002, retrieved 2013-10-08*

² DOT HS 810834 SEPTEMBER 2007, USDOT, NHTSA, www.nhtsa.gov “Fatal Two-vehicle Motorcycle Crashes”

- (2) Motorcycle lane filtering will allow Motorcycles to move through stalled and stopped traffic, especially during gridlock on Oahu's freeways, thereby eliminating overheating problems associated with air-cooled Motorcycles, which, unlike motor vehicles, have no radiators and, therefore, rely on movement to maintain cooling. On freeways, stalled and overheated Motorcycles constitute an additional safety risk to their operators, passengers, and other motorists and safety vehicles. Motorcycle lane filtering eliminates the cause of overheating by allowing motorcycles and motor scooters to move through stopped and gridlocked traffic, thereby eliminating the risk of serious personal injury and property damage.
- (3) Third, motorcycle lane filtering allows motorcycles and motor scooters to move through stopped traffic, which allows alleviation of the traffic congestion and is a positive sum gain in relief from the immediate traffic congestion for all other motorists as well.

Points of Support:

SBU takes the position that the proposed Bill H.B. No. 727 HD1 should be strongly supported by its members as a safety measure for Motorcyclists in the form submitted, on the grounds described and for the reasons outlined above and in particular it accomplishes three clear benefits at no costs, traffic delays, or increased risk of safety or inconvenience to other motorist, in particular:

- 1. Reduced risk of injury or death to Motorcyclists by an approximately 11% reduction in rear-end accidents involving Motorcycles;**
- 2. Reduced incidents of stalled and over-heated Motorcycles and thereby reducing the associated costs, inconvenience and risks of injury sustained by Motorists stranded on the highways and freeways by an overheated Motorcycle.**
- 3. Some alleviation of traffic congestion as Motorcycles filter through traffic.**

All of which is respectfully submitted:

On Behalf of Street Bikers United Hawaii (SBU)

Bruce Paige

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stephen stansel	sbu hawaii	Support	No

Comments: I am supporting the SBU w this bill. I have lived in Hawaii for 10yrs total an stay on the western side . Traffic everyday is unbearable an inride my bike to work everyday. There is a wide open shoulder that I do take so that my bike does not overheat an to avoid being ran into by stop an go traffic. I have been stopped several times for this action an I am causing no issues for traffic but only trying to keep myself safe. I support this bill with high inportance an hope u consider passing it

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March 13, 2017

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and Energy

**RE: HB 727 – Motorcycle lane splitting (filtering)
OPPOSE**

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

AAA Hawaii was founded in 1915 in Honolulu and is a leader in motorist services and a strong advocate for traffic safety. With more than 157,000 members, service to and the safety of our members, other motorists, and all road users is our founding and continuing purpose.

We have serious traffic safety concerns with the proposal to allow motorcycle lane splitting, sometimes referred to as filtering, in Hawaii, and OPPOSE the proposed legislation.

Hawaii is among the 49 states that prohibit lane-splitting. California is the only state that does not explicitly prohibit lane-splitting. Even in California, where such practice is authorized, in a poll of California drivers in 2012, most drivers disapproved of lane-splitting. They felt it was unsafe and that it might cause a crash. The U.S.D.O.T., National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation are calling for more research to provide information about the safety or dangers of lane splitting.

Considering an almost unanimous national restriction on lane splitting, and the call by credible national traffic safety authorities for additional research on this issue, we believe that allowing lane splitting in Hawaii is ill advised and will put traffic safety at risk.

Sincerely,

Liane Sumida

Liane Sumida
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Written Testimony Submitted to the
Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
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Conference Room 225, State Capitol

in consideration of
HB 727 HD1
RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee.

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 727 HD1**, Relating to Motorcycles, which prohibits motor vehicle operators and occupants from interfering or obstructing motorcycle and motor scooter operators and passengers from lawfully travelling between lanes of same-bound traffic that is stopped at a marked or unmarked intersection or due to congestion, when it is safe to do so, on main streets, roads, highways, and freeways.

As a 20+ year operator of various cars, trucks, commercial vehicles, mopeds, and motorcycles on Hawaii roads, I can attest to the potential benefits and safety of "motorcycle lane filtering".

In addition, I think that experience in other jurisdictions that use motorcycle lane filtering, lane splitting, and other forms of roadway traffic management and laws, demonstrates that such laws maintain operator, pedestrian, property, and roadway safety, and do not represent a burdensome traffic enforcement issue.

The proposed changes to Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, represent a smart, conservative, and proactive approach to simultaneously achieving three desirable transportation, traffic, and public policy goals through "motorcycle lane filtering."

Thank you for the opportunity to offer **STRONG SUPPORT** on HB 727 HD1.

Respectfully submitted:
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Kelvin N Asahina, DDS	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a local health care professional, a small business owner, a registered voter and a long time motorcycle enthusiast who has commuted by motorcycle for decades, I believe in and support HB 727 regarding lane filtering. Please support and vote in favor of this legislation.

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DAVID JENKINS	Individual	Support	No

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Larry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i SUPPORT THIS!!!! 3 REASONS HERE (1) Reduced risk of injury or death to Motorcyclists by reduction in rear–end accidents involving Motorcycles; (2) Reduced incidents of stalled and over-heated Motorcycles and thereby reducing the associated costs, inconvenience and risks of injury sustained by Motorists stranded on the highways and freeways by an overheated Motorcycle. (3) Alleviation of traffic congestion as Motorcycles filter through stopped traffic. Bill H.B. 727 accomplishes three clear benefits at no costs, traffic delays, or increased risk of safety or inconvenience to other motorist.

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David Chabriel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. Most motorcycles have air cooled engines as does mine. My Harley Road King is as expensive as a lot of new cars. I do not want my engine damaged by sitting in bumper to bumper traffic. Lane Filtering will alleviate this problem, will free up traffic from broken down motorcycles due to overheating. A few weeks ago, I was traveling from Hawaii Kai to Kailua via Waimanalo. The traffic was bumper to bumper from Hanauma Bay to Olomana! I had to break the law by riding on the right side road edge to keep my motorcycle from overheating. I had no other choice. Passing this bill will help immensely. Thank you, Dave Chabriel

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Jonas Troxell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass HB-727 for the safety of motorcyclists. Hawaii has several 2 lane highways that often become congested. Motorcyclists, along with lane filtering safely, will provide one less car to add to the congestion.

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James R Sowa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Motorcyclist I am writing to request support for the Lane Filtering Bill H.B./S.B. No. 727 for hearing and public testimony our chance for: (1) preventing Motorcyclists (including Motor Scooter Operators) from sustaining unnecessary loss of life and injury due to rear-end collisions on Hawai'i roads, (2) preventing serious injury and even fatalities due to Motorcyclists being stranded on Highways and Freeways with overheating problems during gridlock; and (3) helping to alleviate traffic congestion during gridlock; will be lost. This is a win-win chance for the Hawai'i Motorcycle Community and Hawai'i Motorists generally. There are no losers under the Lane Filtering Bill. "Lane Filtering" is not the same as "Lane Splitting", like in California, it is a much safer alternative for Hawai'i. It is in everyone's interest, which is why we request your help by ensuring that our bill is heard and also please voting yes to this potentially lifesaving initiative. Mahalo.

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Richelle Robiniok	Individual	Support	No

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Gordon Goo	Individual	Support	No

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Joshua Blasdell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Allowing motorcycles and scooters to filter lanes promotes these more efficient forms of transport and provides an advantage to using these vehicles, which also reduces congestion. Congestion is further reduced for both bikers and cars by reducing wasted space on bikes in traffic. Additionally, this method is safer for motorcyclists, as shown in studies from California's implementation of a similar law.

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Craig Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a daily commuter, I can see how this law could be exercised safely while benefitting traffic flows overall. I also envision many more riders choosing to leave their cars at home further improving flows. The most common exercise of this law I can envision is on our crowded highways where it would be easy to execute safely. Studies on congested sections of highways in Europe have shown statically how allowing these motorcycle maneuvers and exceptions improves traffic flow and rider safety. Other studies also highlight suggested limits that disagree with the current version of the proposal where the speed limit of 10mph is an absolute limit as opposed to implementing differential speed limits relative to surrounding traffic. 10-15 mph differential speeds where those commonly cited as safe in most studies.

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Sean Durkin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic and Advanced Rider Course instructor. I am a member of the UK Royal Society for the prevention of accidents, a former Service by Emergency Rider Volunteer for Suffolk-Cambridgeshire UK, and a licensed motorcyclist with 9 years experience. I have operated a motorcycle for 4 years in the UK, a country which allows lane sharing. I testify lane sharing is NOT the reckless act of speeding and weaving between cars. I testify that lane sharing reduces traffic congestion by motorcyclists not taking up a car space in traffic. Lane sharing is safer because rear end collisions are many times more fatal for motorcyclists than grazing accidents according to a study by U.C. Berkeley. There is less likeliness for a collision at intersection because the lane sharing motorcycle's position in the road is not conflicted with a car or truck path of travel. Lane sharing saves fuel and reduces emissions by reducing the amount of time the vehicle is idling in traffic. Lane sharing saves mechanical wear on a motorcycle by allowing air to flow through fins designed to maintain safe operating temperatures. Finally, lane sharing encourages citizens to use this congestion reducing, efficient form of transportation. I urge the Government of Hawaii to ensure the safety, efficiency and happiness of their citizens by supporting this bill.

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March 13, 2017

RE: HB727

Aloha,

I support for HB 727. I ride my motorcycle to work approximately 3-5 days a week from Royal Kunia to downtown Honolulu. I've been riding motorcycles for over 40 years and have had my motorcycle license for almost 30 years. I have four reasons I believe we should allow lane filtering:

1) Lowers the risk factor for serious or deadly accidents - Lane filtering would most likely occur when traffic is going at lower speed that is constantly being stopped. During these situations motorcyclists are more concerned about getting hit from behind then getting hit from either side. Lane Filtering provides the option for motorcyclists to put themselves in a safer position when appropriate and necessary.

2) Reduction in traffic congestion - for every motorcycle that is allowed to lane filter it provides an open space for a car or truck behind them to move forward at a stop light. This can allow more vehicles to pass thru an intersection than if the motorcycle were to take an entire lane himself or herself. Also, since motorcycles have a much better horsepower to weight ratio than a car or truck, a motorcycle can exit from a stop light intersection quicker than a car or truck. This allows the motorcycle to "clear out" and move ahead without any hindrance to a car or truck behind or adjacent.

3) Promotion of more fuel-efficient vehicle - Motorcycles average much better fuel efficiency than most cars and trucks. I average near 40 miles per gallon. Other smaller motorcycles can get around 50 MPG. Motorcyclist can save a considerable amount of money on fuel expense and also do less harm to the environment.

4) Creates more attentive drivers - As car drivers become more experienced with motorcyclist lane filtering, they will start to check more closely for motorcycles. This increased attentiveness for motorcycles will benefit all drivers on the road.

I appreciate your time and thank you for your service. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

David Sanchez
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Betty McKay	Individual	Support	No

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Cemone Bredson	Individual	Support	No

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Doug Kerr	Individual	Support	No

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Lopaka Kunz	Individual	Support	No

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Natalie Racano	Individual	Support	No

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Lissa Robertson	Individual	Support	No

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Braanna Kunz	Individual	Support	No

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Trent Kunz	Individual	Support	No

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Jeremy Palmer	Individual	Support	No

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Malana Paige	Individual	Support	No

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Michael Mitchell Cantu	Individual	Support	No

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Mia Pakele	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Here are three reasons I support the Lane Filtering Bill No. H.B. 727. (1) Reduced risk of injury or death to Motorcyclists by reduction in rear-end accidents involving Motorcycles; (2) Reduced incidents of stalled and over-heated Motorcycles and thereby reducing the associated costs, inconvenience and risks of injury sustained by Motorists stranded on the highways and freeways by an overheated Motorcycle. (3) Alleviation of traffic congestion as Motorcycles filter through stopped traffic. Bill H.B. 727 accomplishes three clear benefits at no costs, traffic delays, or increased risks of safety or inconvenience to other motorists.

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Adolf Meyer	Individual	Support	No

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Sherylynn Baker	Individual	Support	No

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Jesse Baker	Individual	Support	No

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Tresa Simmons	Individual	Support	No

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Arthur Watkins	Individual	Support	No

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Kermit Anderval	Individual	Support	No

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Amy Liedtke	Individual	Support	No

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Ikuko Watkins	Individual	Support	No

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Terrill Watkins	Individual	Support	No

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Ryan Shimada	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hi My Name is Ryan Shimada, I was born and raised in Hawaii started riding motorcycle from 1988, from 1991-1996 I rode a motorcycle and moped as my only form of transportation in Hawaii, I have go into a few accidents not due to my fault. From 1996-2012 I Lived in California (San Francisco & Los Angeles) where Lane Sharing was legal. I rode 4 years there again without a car, just Riding motorcycles as my transportation. What I have learned about lane sharing, it is far safer when you ride between cars because other cars see you, they are always looking for other cars but not motorcycles. They also hear your exhaust better because of the sound bouncing. Motorcycles stop faster than people can react too. (major cause of fatalities) As for the argument that the lanes are to small, first off you do not have to lane share if you do not feel confident. Second, San Francisco has smaller lanes than Hawaii and I was still able to commute fine. Moving back to Hawaii after years in CA, I feel less safe and have already had more close calls in the few years of being back home! Even when I was commuting 60miles to work on the 405 in LA in traffic I felt safer than here. I also feel this will alleviate a portion of traffic on the freeways and around the city. I was the former motorcycle Marketing person for Cycle City, South Seas Cycles, and Cycle City Maui, many of the people I have met that have lived in states where lane sharing is legal have expressed the same issues with riding in Hawaii. Mahalo, Ryan Shimada

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emil Gomez	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: My name is Emil Gomez, a Viet Nam Veteran and retired from Pearl Harbor as the Marine Machinery Mechanic Branch Head with 39 years service. I have been a motorcycle rider for over 40 years and out of all the safety precautions or legislation that would support and protect Motorcyclists HB 727 HD1 Lane filtering, is the best that I have seen. We greatly appreciate this committees support of HB 727 HD1 in reducing motorcycle traffic fatalities, and to keep the heavy traffic moving along. Please feel free to contact myself regarding this issue at 808 778-6983 or reply this email. Respectfully Emil Roy Gomez

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edison	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please support this bill for all motorcycle riders safety

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CHARLES GARNER	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Will improve traffic movement traffic hour.

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Timothy Rausch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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William Gullledge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 727. It will increase safety for motorcycle riders with no adverse impact to other vehicles using the roadway.

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Jeff Vaughan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: H.B. 727 accomplishes three clear benefits at no costs, traffic delays, or increased risk of safety or inconvenience to other motorist. (1) Reduced risk of injury or death to Motorcyclists by reduction in rear–end accidents involving Motorcycles; (2) Reduced incidents of stalled and over-heated Motorcycles and thereby reducing the associated costs, inconvenience and risks of injury sustained by Motorists stranded on the highways and freeways by an overheated Motorcycle. (3) Alleviation of traffic congestion as Motorcycles filter through stopped traffic.

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nicholas english	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Lane sharing is NOT the reckless act of speeding and weaving between cars. I testify that lane sharing reduces traffic congestion by motorcyclists not taking up a car space in traffic. Lane sharing is safer because rear end collisions are many times more fatal for motorcyclists than grazing accidents according to a study by U.C. Berkeley. There is less likeliness for a collision at intersection because the lane sharing motorcycle's position in the road is not conflicted with a car or truck path of travel. Lane sharing saves fuel and reduces emissions by reducing the amount of time the vehicle is idling in traffic. Lane sharing saves mechanical wear on a motorcycle by allowing air to flow through fins designed to maintain safe operating temperatures. Finally, lane sharing encourages citizens to use this congestion reducing, efficient form of transportation.

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Heidi Sowa	Individual	Support	No

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14 March 2017

**The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino,
Chair and members of the Committee on Transportation**

H.B. 727 Relating to motorcycles

I have been an active motorcycle rider for approximately 40 years and have operated motorcycles and other vehicles in many countries over that time without a serious accident. As you may imagine, these years of riding have given me an insight of what constitutes a high-risk maneuver. For example, the action of "lane-splitting", or riding a motorcycle between lanes of moving traffic is inherently dangerous to the rider and dramatically increases the probability of a collision. However, this bill proposes "lane-filtering", which is an entirely different action.

Lane-filtering is defined as moving between lanes of stopped traffic. This is an entirely safe operation provided that the rider does so in a responsible manner, including reducing his or her speed to less than 5 miles per hour, and being respectful of other road users when doing so. In my opinion and based on many years of safe riding, this bill in no way increases the probability of a collision, indeed, it may result in decreased collision rates.

Some may oppose this measure based on observations that some intersections may be too narrow to allow this maneuver. I believe that the vast majority of road users are able to distinguish between situations where lane filtering is safe and those where it is not so. To deny progress of this bill based on an assumption that a minority of road users would lane filter in an irresponsible manner is erroneous. Any ability for a motorist to pass another vehicle or change lanes in moving traffic should, by the same definition, be prevented by statute or regulation. Law enforcement personnel currently have statutory provisions to cite unsafe road users and this bill does not prevent them from doing so when a rider lane-filters in an unsafe manner.

The vast majority of road users operate their vehicles in a safe and responsible manner regardless of whether they operate a motorcycle or an automobile. This bill, is practical an sensible and should be endorsed on that basis.



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Robert Sullivan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Increases safety of motorcyclists. Significantly reduces traffic. Is as safe as or safer than normal motorcycling. It works, just look at California.

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Marie Bashaw	Individual	Support	No

Comments: (1) Reduced risk of injury or death to Motorcyclists by reduction in rear-end accidents involving Motorcycles; (2) Reduced incidents of stalled and over-heated Motorcycles and thereby reducing the associated costs, inconvenience and risks of injury sustained by Motorists stranded on the highways and freeways by an overheated Motorcycle. (3) Alleviation of traffic congestion as Motorcycles filter through stopped traffic. Bill H.B. 727 accomplishes three clear benefits at no costs, traffic delays, or increased risk of safety or inconvenience to other motorist.

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Patrick Agullana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a long time motorcycle rider I am in full support of this measure for lane sharing in Hawaii. I believe it to NOT be a reckless act of weaving and speeding in-between cars. I also believe that lane sharing greatly reduces traffic congestion by not taking up car space within a traffic lane. I have personally witnessed the effectiveness of lane sharing from riding in Japan where lane sharing is legal. In addition, according to a study by U.C. Berkeley, lane sharing is also far more safer for motorcyclists as it reduces the chances of rear-end collisions, which are much more fatal for motorcycle riders than grazing accidents.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Aweau	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: As stated in previous testimony, the urgent need for traffic solutions to Honolulu's traffic situation could be alleviated by allowing lane filtering and encourage more commuters to use motorcycles/scooters as alternative transportation. Nothing could further more commuter options, by the reduction of amount of vehicles traveling from West Oahu with this method of travel. Appreciate the committee members consideration. Mahalo nui loa.

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Ian	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the passing of HB727 Motorcycle\scooter lane splitting because the ability to perform this maneuver would do the following: 1. Limit the time my fellow motorcyclists and I will spend around other drivers who generally do not see us, and often are immigrants who spent limited time behind the wheel before driving on the EXTREMELY busy and volatile traffic of Honolulu and Oahu as a whole. This would make our commute safer and reduce stress on ourselves and our family members waiting at home. 2. The number of vehicles on the road at one time will fall due to the expedited travel of thousands of commuters. This will make travel times shorter, reduce travel stress, and reduce the amount of accidents caused by impatient drivers.

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Scott Patterson	Individual	Support	No

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G-Dawg	Individual	Support	No

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Cooper Croteau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Allowing motorcycles to lane split reduces traffic congestion and makes driving in traffic safer for cars and motorcycles. When you're forced to drive in traffic on a motorcycle, you are always watching your mirrors to make sure you are not rear-ended by another vehicle. Being rear-ended while driving a car can easily ruin your day, but being rear-ended while on a motorcycle can injure or kill you even at slow speeds. I am in full support of legalizing lane splitting for the safety benefits to motorcycles and scooters.

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Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

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George Sheridan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support HB 727 for the following reasons: Reduced risk of injury or death to Motorcyclists by reduction in rear-end accidents involving Motorcycles; (2) Reduced incidents of stalled and over-heated Motorcycles and thereby reducing the associated costs, inconvenience and risks of injury sustained by Motorists stranded on the highways and freeways by an overheated Motorcycle. (3) Alleviation of traffic congestion as Motorcycles filter through stopped traffic.

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Honorable Members of the Legislature,

Lane filtering would be a substantial boon for motorcyclists like myself. Severe traffic complicates handling of motorcycles in ways that are physically taxing.

I acknowledge that there lies risk, but traffic is an appreciable and onerous burden. Motorcycles are smaller and more fuel efficient, with their operators being more engaged and attentive when contrasted with many motorists using their cell phones.

The State of Hawaii has done much to benefit motorcyclists by allowing the use of the Zipper lane in A.M. traffic. The laminar flow on the other side of the barrier is much safer. Though no option currently exists for a return commute, I ask that the Legislature continue the trend by permitting lane filtering when conditions warrant it.

Sincerely,
Harlan Kanoa N Sheppard

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chadwick Spradling	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, with regards to HB727, I request positive action be taken to approve the motorcycle/scooter lane filtering in Hawai'i to improve the overall safety of those individuals. As a motorcycle rider I have been in traffic and been rear-ended due to inattentive drivers, or those drivers that may have been in too much of a hurry. Specifically, I had one instance where I was at a complete stop, feet on the ground, and brake lights on when a driver was looking for the road and slammed into the back of my bike. Damaging my motorcycle and causing back injury/muscle strain to my person. Thank you for reading this, and considering the proposed safety objective.

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James Falls	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I have been a motorcycle rider for five of the six years I have lived in Hawaii. The passing of bill 727 would not only provide increased safety for motorcyclist, but would also alleviate some congestion on Hawaii highways. There are several motorcycles that are air cooled and overheat in traffic that moves slow during peak traffic time in both the morning and evenings. Allowing those motorcyclists to move between lanes at a slow speed will prevent them from sitting on the shoulder of the highway for up to 2 hours waiting for their engines to cool off and traffic to move quickly enough to prevent the reoccurrence of the problem. Additionally motorcyclists are smaller vehicles that are often overlooked by car and truck drivers. The passing of this bill will potentially reduce rear end collisions of vehicles on motorcycles. In my opinion this is a win for both vehicle drivers and motorcycle riders. It will provide less vehicle congestion on the road and increased safety for motorcyclist on the road. Thank you for considering the safety of all Hawaii residence.

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Matthew Leibfreid	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support HB727 for the following reasons: It reduces the chance of motorcyclists being hit from the rear by motorists in traffic. It reduces the risk of air cooled motorcycles overheating in traffic and causing further delays to other motorists.

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