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**H.B. 727**  
**RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES**

House Committee on Transportation

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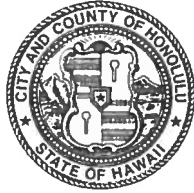
The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** H.B. 727 that prohibits motor vehicle operators and occupants from interfering or obstructing motorcycle and motor scooter operators and passengers from lawfully travelling between lanes of same-bound traffic that is stopped at a marked or unmarked intersection or due to congestion, when it is safe to do so, on main streets, roads, highways, and freeways.

This bill allows motorcycles to “lane filter”. However, with the recent trend of narrowing some of the lane width of roadways to accommodate the current traffic volumes, we believe that this bill will create a more dangerous situation for the motorcycle rider because they and other vehicle operators will have less room to maneuver especially in emergency situations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 8, 2017

The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 423  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 727, 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 would like to submit the following concerns regarding House Bill No. 727, Relating to Motorcycles:

1. Allowing motorcycles 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 may result in injury and create even more traffic congestion, particularly during peak-hour traffic.

The HPD urges you to consider our concerns regarding House Bill No. 727, Relating to Motorcycles.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cary Okimoto", is written over a horizontal line.

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

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
michael regis	SBUHI	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this bill and its intent.

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## Street Bikers United Hawaii (SBU) Submissions

January 23, 2017

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

Presenter: Bruce Paige  
Residence: Pearl City  
Email: bpaigeco@gmail.com

Introducer(s): AQUINO

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 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.

#### **SBU Recommends Its Members Support Bill SB No. 727**

For the reason expressly described in the preamble to Bill H.B. No. 727 (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.”*<sup>1</sup>

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%).<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> DOT HS 810834 SEPTEMBER 2007, USDOT, NHTSA, [www.nhtsa.gov](http://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 some modest 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. 737 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***

Bruce Paige  
SBU State Director

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Ray Pagan	Street Bikers United	Support	No

Comments:

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Ramon Miranda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this,, If I was able to lane split I could have avoided my motorcycle from overheating adding to the congestion of traffic.

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Kelvin N Asahina, DDS	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe in and support HB727.

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edison	Individual	Support	No

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Vanessa Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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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patricia quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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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Brian Quinn	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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Sean Canady	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass the bill as it will help ease congestion and some motorcycles over heat in traffic. if that occurs the motorcycle will shut down and cause more traffic

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Jonathan Canady	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass the bill as it will help ease congestion and some motorcycles over heat in traffic.

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Jeffery J Ben	Individual	Support	No

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Daisy Ben	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass the bill as it will help ease congestion and some motorcycles over heat in traffic. Maybe it'll help promote people to ride to and from work to make Traffic lighter

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Samantha Ben	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass the bill as it will help ease congestion!

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Jeffery J Ben	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Matthew Dalton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the Lane Filtering Bill No. H.B. 727 for the following reasons: (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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**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Conference Room 423, State Capitol**

in consideration of  
**HB 727**  
**RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES.**

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Quinlan and Members of the Committee.

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 727**, 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.

Respectfully submitted:  
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Reed Kano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Bill HB727. The Bill 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. This is especially important for West and Central Oahu residence during morning and afternoon traffic congestion with no shoulder lanes; and (3) Alleviation of traffic congestion as Motorcycles filter through stopped traffic. Thank you, Reed Kano

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Coby Wood	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Support the Lane Filtering Bill No. H.B. 727

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Jesus Lopez	Individual	Support	No

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Malana Paige	Individual	Support	No

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**Edward R. Underwood**  
1470 Uluhala Place  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

**Testimony of  
Edward R. Underwood**

**Before the House Committee on  
TRANSPORTATION**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 423**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 727  
RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES**

House Bill 727 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. **I stand in strong support of this measure.**

In 2016, the state of California became the first state to adopt laws to allow for lane splitting by motorcycles primarily due to the fact that it has some of the worst traffic congestion in the nation. Honolulu is currently in the top ten cities for traffic congestion and with the ongoing development of downtown Honolulu the traffic congestion is going to continue to get worse. The rail project is being built on the West side of Oahu but that project will not alleviate traffic congestion and will only offer an alternative form of transportation. The populations on the neighbor islands are also increasing and we need to plan ahead before issues develop.

We need to look at all ways of easing traffic congestion that includes lane sharing. Amending the statute to allow for lane sharing requires no funding and will have an immediate impact on traffic. Hawaii has some of the best weather in the world and once people see the benefits of riding 2 wheel vehicles they will be encouraged to participate in this form of transportation. This will help to reduce the number of 4 wheel vehicles on the road as well as easing parking congestion.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Don Bailey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The traffic congestion here in Hawaii is overwhelming. Allowing Motorcycles to filter through traffic as per the Bill states would help severely with traffic. I agree that filtering is risky, and in some case people abuse it by traveling to fast between vehicles, but when the flow of traffic is below the posted speed limit, then filtering plays in an allowable benefit. The speeds here in Hawaii are already slower than those of the other states, of which California and Arizona have approved filtering. Please help the traffic crisis in Hawaii, approve Motorcycle filtering.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Lau	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This is a logical way to control traffic, albeit only applying to motorcycles/scooters, however, it still will assist in traffic congestion without costs to tax payers. Secondly, this tactic is already in full use in states like California where we are in second next to them in overall traffic congestion. I am in support of HB727.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ikuko Watkins	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This Bill is important! It allows: 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, 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 motorists.

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Terrill Watkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This Bill promotes the following: 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, 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 motorists.

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Ray Pagan	Individual	Support	No

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William Paris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Having owned motorcycles for over 40 years I support this bill. Most motorcycles are air cooled and can sustain damage from sitting in traffic for long periods of time. Regarding safety.... most motorcycle accidents in heavy traffic come from rear-end collisions which can be extremely dangerous for a rider on a motorcycle. Being able to keep moving through traffic makes riding safer. Another positive aspect to allowing motorcycles to keep moving on the shoulders or between cars during heavy traffic is that it will encourage more people to ride, taking more cars off the road. California has been doing this for years and it works! Thanks!

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Kiana Fittro	Individual	Support	Yes

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Alicia Nicholson	Individual	Support	No

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Charles Pelch	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the lane filtering bill: No. H.B. 727

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Crichton Roberts	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have personally experienced lane filtering in California and found it to be much safer than our present system at no detriment to other road users. (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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michael frolik	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. I used to live in California and used lane filtering. I am a Navy Veteran and when we would be returning from a deployment the command would bring CHP on board and give briefings on law changes that had occurred or were soon to become law. They also would give safety briefings. In one such brief the officer stated that they encouraged motorcyclists to split lanes/lane filtering due to multiple accident scenes where motorcyclists or just a motorcycle were pinned between cars. I do believe that this is a safe alternative for motorcyclist if done properly. I, I.E. 5-10 mph over flow of traffic and only when traffic flow is under 25 mph. Once flow has increase to 25 mph they should be required to merge back into regular traffic. I followed these guidelines for many years while stationed in California and never had an incident, nor did I feel unsafe when performing the lane filtering.

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Jesse Stephens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have a fairly expensive 2 wheeled mode of transportation that uses fossil fuel efficiently that I would love to use for work but over heats in stop in go traffic. If this passes I would be able to use it thus helping reduce my carbon footprint.

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Patrick C. Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB727

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
DAVID JENKINS	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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 risk of safety or inconvenience to other motorist.

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Justin Volner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support the lane Filtering Bill No. H. B. 727.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jonas Troxell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass the Lane Filtering Bill. Keep traffic flowing and air-cooled motorcycles moving to avoid another traffic hazard, possibly slowing already congested traffic even more.

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Andy Bumatai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe "filtering" will save I many motorcyclists from being injured and killed due to cars rear ending them at stop lights. This bill has the added bonus of easing traffic congestion for everyone and being a law that is enforceable. I have my motorcycle set up so the front brake does not activate the brake light. Only my back break activates my brake light. I do this so I can hold my front brake and "blink" my brake light by tapping my back brake. I do this because of all the close calls I've had with people in cars just not seeing me.

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Rob Martell	Individual	Support	No

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Jeremy Palmer	Individual	Support	No

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I fully support this measure. I was born and raised on Oahu, Hawaii and have been riding a motorcycle since 2008. I used to live in Kailua, and Village Park, and in Liliha. I now live in Waikiki and work at Pearl Harbor.

I am amply aware of the challenges of driving in Honolulu's traffic. In 2009, I moved to Europe to serve our military as a civilian in Naples, Italy for three years, and in Stuttgart, Germany for three years. I travelled all over western Europe on my motorcycle and experienced motorcycle travel on the Autobahn (freeways), in dense city traffic, on back country roads, and through windy passes through the Alps. Everywhere I went, the ability to split lanes, or lane filter, was observed. Wherever there was traffic stopped, or snarled, motorcyclists and moped riders were allowed to safely maneuver through the traffic. It alleviated the amount of traffic for automobiles, and reduced the risk of riders being rear ended. Drivers actually slowly scooted out of the way of riders, making room, so they could safely pass.

I understand that this is NOT the way it works right now in Hawaii, and that drivers now are unaware of how this would/could/should work. But in order for us to achieve success, in order for us to get to how it works now in Europe, it requires us to take the first step. I believe that this legislation is the first step to alleviating some of our traffic issues, or our safety issues, and of encouraging more people to ride smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles than cars (my motorcycle gets 80 miles to the gallon).

I want to be clear that I do NOT support motorcycle racing or unsafe weaving through traffic. This legislation does not support that kind of behavior. Instead, it protects both the drivers (who need to be aware) and the riders (who also need to be akamai).

Thank you for your consideration of this measure.

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Angie Peck	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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Tim Syrop	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I've been riding motorcycles for 43 years, several of them splitting lanes in California. I fully believe splitting lanes is much safer in bumper to bumper traffic, than having a vehicle in front and in back of you. I have never been injured splitting lanes, but I have be rear-ended and injured here in Hawaii because I was not splitting lanes. Thank you.

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Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Could work but be prepared for "road rage" incidents until everyone comprehends.

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Thomas Cox	Individual	Support	No

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Tim Plett	Individual	Comments Only	No

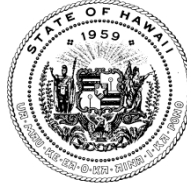
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**H.B. 727**  
**RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** H.B. 727 that 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.

This bill allows motorcycles to “lane filter”. However, with the recent trend of narrowing some of the lane width of roadways to accommodate the current traffic volumes, we believe that this bill will create a more dangerous situation for the motorcycle rider because they and other vehicle operators will have less room to maneuver especially in emergency situations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Good morning honorable Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of HB 727 and thank you Representative Aquino for being the introducer. My name is Bradford Davis and I am currently a secondary teacher at Calvary Chapel Christian School, Aiea. I have been a motorcyclist and member of the American Motorcyclist Association since 2004. I have earned a Masters Degree in Human Communication from California State University, Fullerton in 2011 and have been an Oahu resident since 2012.

I strongly believe that every motorcyclist should have every tool necessary to ride and arrive safely to their destination. Therefore, I am in support of motorcycle lane filtering. Furthermore, I commute daily before sunrise on my motorcycle and I feel that my safety would drastically increase if I had the ability to lane filter. In addition, recent research from the Hurt report (Hurt, 1981) supports that lane filtering is essential to reducing motorcycle crashes in moderate or heavy traffic. According to the report (Hurt, 1981):

Moderate or heavy traffic was the situation at 59.2 percent of the accidents [studied].”Reducing a motorcyclist’s exposure to vehicles that are frequently accelerating and decelerating on congested roadways can be one way to reduce rear-end collisions for those most vulnerable in traffic.

Oahu’s roads and highways are daily subjected to moderate or heavy traffic. And lane filtering would only increase the safety of motorcyclist. In addition the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (NAMS) reported:

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.

In closing, as a Teacher, Father, Husband, and Motorcyclist; I urge our legislators to make lane filtering legal for motorcyclists.

Brightest blessings,

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