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Mike Moran	Kihei Community Association (KCA)	Support	No

Comments: We support this measure. When education and pono fail we are left with punishment & penalty. Money talks- let them walk Please support this necessary measure. Our & our ohana's lives are at stake . Mahalo. Mike Moran for KCA Maui

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February 24, 2017

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways & Means; Vice Chair Donovan Dela Cruz; and members of the Committee

From: Arkie Koehl, Chair, Public Policy Committee, MADD Hawaii

Re: Senate Bill 659 — Relating to Highway Safety

I am Arkie Koehl, offering testimony on behalf of the members of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii in support of Senate Bill 659, which calls for significant increases in fines for the violent crime of drunk driving.

Hawaii's Impaired Driving Task Force is currently preparing legislation for the 2018 session. It will incorporate six years of valuable experience with ignition interlock, which became law in 2011. We expect significant improvements in the implementation of the interlock program, including the closing of loopholes and other modifications.

In the meantime, however, increasing fines for OVUII can help significantly. MADD and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have long argued that the most effective deterrent to drunk driving is the threat of arrest and punishment. By publicizing sobriety checkpoints and patrols, plus increased fines and other punitive measures, we reach the worst-offending cohort of the potential drunk driving population — those who do not respond to rational and emotional appeals, and who drink and drive simply because they believe they will not get caught and punished.

Senate Bill 659 will help us reach this segment. Please pass it.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.—



TO: Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: Support SB 659

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. The Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan views this as a positive measure to discourage impaired driving.

From 2011-2015 Hawaii lost **189** lives due to alcohol related traffic fatalities.

Hawaii's current minimum fine is only \$150. That is very low considering the current fine for speeding in a school zone is currently \$250, excessive speeding is \$500, and a fine of \$297 for getting caught while using your cell phone.

Thank you for considering SB 659.

Strategic Highway Safety Plan Mission

Save lives and reduce injuries on Hawaii's roadways through strategic partnerships and implementation of the SHSP.