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February 14, 2018

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

Dear Chair Aquino and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1632, Relating to Bicycles

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

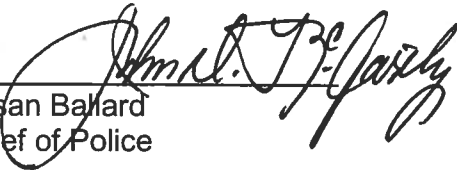
The HPD supports the passage of House Bill No. 1632, Relating to Bicycles. Bicycle riders pose a hazard on the roadways, especially on multilane roadways because they normally travel slower than the speed of vehicular traffic and are less visible due to their size.

In 2017, there were 260 motor vehicle collision that involved bicycles. Mandating that bicyclists ride in bicycle lanes when available, with the exceptions provided by law, would minimize the possibilities of vehicle collisions and injuries and provide safer travel for all those that utilize our streets.

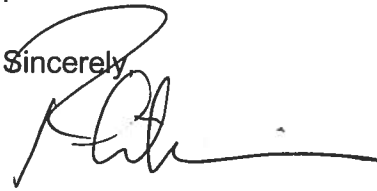
The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 1632.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

  
Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

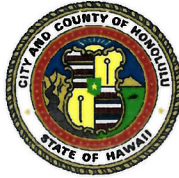
  
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February 14, 2018

The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino  
and Members of the Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 419  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1632 Relating to Bicycles

The City and County of Honolulu supports the intent of House Bill No. 1632, which requires bicyclists to ride in a bike lane even in areas where riding on the sidewalk is legal. We believe this bill is unnecessary as the current ordinance is sufficient.

Some bicyclists are able to travel at the speed of traffic and the law, HRS 291C-145, is currently flexible to allow for them to ride in the travel lane. As long as they are not impeding traffic there is no need to change the law.

Regarding the proposed changes to HRS 291C-148, the intent is to keep bicyclists off sidewalks wherever there is a bike lane. While we prefer to separate bicyclists and pedestrians, we do not recommend that young children and novice bicyclists ride in the roadway. A bicyclist should be able to ride on the sidewalk, if it is not in a business district.

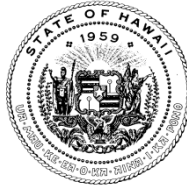
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wes Frysztacki" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Wes Frysztacki  
Director

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



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February 14, 2018  
10:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 423

**H.B. 1632**  
**RELATING TO BICYCLES**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports H.B. 1632 relating to bicycles.

The DOT recognizes the need to protect bicyclists and pedestrians on all public roadways and sidewalks. This bill clarifies the responsibilities of the bicyclist when a bicycle lane is provided for use and further clarifies the exceptions on when the bicyclist may move out of the bicycle lane.

We believe that this bill will enhance the safety of both bicyclists and pedestrians.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.