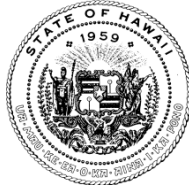


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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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March 29, 2018
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

H.B. 2215, H.D. 1
RELATING TO BICYCLES

Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation **supports** H.B. 2215, H.D. 1 that will require the driver of a vehicle overtaking a bicyclist to allow at least a three-foot separation between the driver's vehicle and the bicyclist.

According to Hawaii State data, there were a total of twelve bicycle related fatalities from 2014 to 2017. Five out of the twelve fatalities involved a motorist overtaking a bicyclist.

This bill can help encourage drivers to provide a safe distance between their vehicle and the bicycle rider.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 28, 2018

Testimony Strongly Supporting HB2215

Aloha Judiciary Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, and esteemed members of the Committee on Judiciary,

Hawaii Cycling League **strongly supports HB2215**, which would clarify in the existing Safe Passing law, Hawaii Revised Statutes 291C-43, that 3 feet is the minimum safe distance that a motorist should provide when overtaking a bicyclist.

HB2215 will make our roads safer for cycling and for all road users by codifying a clear minimum safe passing distance, consistent with national standards and the Hawaii Driver's Manual. This codification of the recognized minimum safe passing distance will increase driver awareness of safe passing and result in safer passing practices. This is crucial to help prevent more injuries and deaths on our roads.

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Thank you very much for considering the comments of Hawaii Cycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Chad Taniguchi (808-735-5756, chad@hbl.org) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, Daniel@hbl.org).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

Chad Taniguchi
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March 29, 2018

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2215, HD1 Relating to Bicycles

The Department of Transportation Services supports House Bill No. 2215, HD1, which is consistent with our efforts to promote bicycling as a valid and safe mode of transportation. While we have been vigorously implementing bicycle facilities on Oahu, ultimately most bicyclists will find themselves sharing the travel lane with motor vehicles at some point. This bill will raise awareness with motorists and quantify what a safe passing distance is.

Currently, 30 states and the District of Columbia have safe passing laws in place. Our City policy with TheBus is for drivers to give 7 to 8 feet clearance when passing a bicyclist because of the large size vehicles. This bill, which requires 3 feet of passing distance, is a reasonable requirement for motorists which will ultimately make Hawaii a more bicycle-friendly place.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Fryszacki".

Wes Fryszacki
Director



Date: March 28, 2018

To: The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Trish La Chica, Policy and Advocacy Director, Hawai'i Public Health Institute

Re: **Support for HB2215 HD1, Relating to Bicycles**

Hrg: March 29, 2018 at 9:30 AM at Capitol Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **support of HB2215 HD1**, which requires a three-foot minimum safe passing distance when a motorist passes and overtakes a bicyclist.

The Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) supports and promotes policy efforts to create a healthy Hawai'i. HIPHI weaves silos into working relationships as an effective network, ensuring that we come together across sectors to advance collaboration and innovation in public health and work towards making Hawai'i the healthiest place to live.

The passage of HB2215 HD1 will make our roads safer for all users by codifying a clear minimum safe passing distance, consistent with national standards and the Hawaii Driver's Manual. This will increase drivers' awareness and practice of safe passing distance, helping to prevent further injuries and deaths on our roads.

The three feet minimum safe passing distance is widely accepted as a "best practice" and is already law in 26 states and Washington, D.C. Organizations, city agencies, and the police departments in these states have been working together to educate the public and ensure that their Safe Passing laws make their streets safer.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony, and we respectfully ask you to pass HB2215 HD1 out of committee.

Mahalo,

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Trish La Chica
Policy and Advocacy Director

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 4:42:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair; the Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on **HB2215 HD1** relating to Bicyclist; Passing and Overtaking; and Motor Vehicle Drivers.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **HB2215 HD1** and support its passage.

HB2215 HD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it Requires the driver of a vehicle passing and overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction to allow at least three feet of separation between the right side of the driver's vehicle and the left side of the bicyclist.

The DPH Platform states that "We seek to achieve energy sustainability based on renewable energy sources. We must encourage the use of clean alternative fuel sources to include our public transportation systems. We must increase the use of public transit, telecommuting, car and vanpooling, ridesharing, biking, walking, and other forms of transportation thereby reducing traffic congestion and air pollution. We must also urgently develop the use of a variety of cost-effective energy providing systems, encourage transit-oriented development, and support tax incentives that encourage renewable energy initiative." (Platform of the DPH, PP. 8-9, Lines 443-448 (2016)).

We recognize the necessity of providing a safe, efficient transportation infrastructure. We endorse efforts to promote less reliance on imported fossil fuel and to support energy-efficient methods of transportation. Therefore, we support county, state, and federal efforts to provide more efficient and punctual methods of public transportation, to include but not limited to: sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, bicycle

paths and lanes, mass transit, highways, airports, and ferry systems. We support the allocation of resources including public funds to address all necessary transportation issues, including increased funding for mass transit.

We endorse efforts to promote less reliance on the automobile by employing private and public use of alternative modes of travel. We encourage efforts to provide better vehicle and pedestrian safety. In particular, we support initiatives that will provide our state with more fuel-efficient vehicles, affordable mass transit and well-identified bike lanes. In order to be best served by mass transit, we must recognize the importance of the integration in an urban setting of any new modes of mass transportation with existing and future public streets and highways, bike lanes, retail establishments and services, and truly-affordable housing – while maintaining a high degree of open space at ground level in current and all future high-density developments. (Platform of the DPH, P. 9, Lines 465-480 (2016)).

Given that **HB2215 HD1** requires the driver of a vehicle passing and overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction to allow at least three feet of separation between the right side of the driver's vehicle and the left side of the bicyclist, it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC on Legislative Priorities

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

March 29, 2018, 9:30 A.M.

Room 016

(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2215 HD1

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, and members of the Committee:

Blue Planet Foundation strongly supports House Bill (HB) 2215 HD1, which would amend Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 291C-43 to include 3 feet as the minimum safe distance that a motorist must provide when overtaking a bicyclist.

Blue Planet Foundation is a local, mission-driven nonprofit committed to clearing the path for 100% clean energy in Hawai'i and believes that bicycling needs to be a key component of sustainable transportation in Hawai'i. Bicycling is an ideal transportation mode in terms of sustainability; it requires no petroleum, it is very low-cost relative to other modes, it requires minimal space for parking, and it integrates well with transit.

Unfortunately, U.S. Census data for 2016 show that only 1.0% of Hawai'i commuters use a bike as their primary mode. While the reasons more people don't bicycle are many, concern about safety is a major factor. A report by the U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that 12% of cyclists "felt threatened for personal safety" the last time they bicycled, and "someone drove too close to me" was the primary reason. A comprehensive analysis of bike fatalities nationally over a one-year period by the League of American Bicyclists found that 44% of all cyclist fatalities resulted from being struck from behind or being sideswiped.

HB 2215 HD1 offers an enforcement and driver education tool to address safety risks associated with motorists overtaking bicyclists. While bikeway infrastructure is still needed, this law provides an avenue to address bike safety. We respectfully request that the Committee forward this bill, amended to take effect upon arrival.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 28, 2018

Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair
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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol

RE: Testimony In Support of HB2215 HD1

The American Diabetes Association (Association) supports legislative bills intended to promote type 2 diabetes prevention and persuade strategies to improve health outcomes. In this case, promoting bicycling as part of an active lifestyle; we ask for your support through HB2215 HD1 to clarify on Hawaii Revised Statutes 291C-43 that 3 feet is the minimum safe distance that a motorist should provide when overtaking a bicyclists.

HB2215 HD1 will make our roads safer for cycling and for all road users by codifying a clear minimum safe passing distance, consistent with national standards and the Hawaii Driver's Manual. This codification of the recognized minimum safe passing distance will increase driver awareness of safe passing and result in safer passing practices. This is crucial to help prevent more injuries and deaths on our roads.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please reach out to me by email at lduenas@diabetes.org.

Warmest aloha,



LJ Duenas, Hawaii Director
American Diabetes Association



21 people
are diagnosed with
diabetes every day
in Hawaii

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 10:57:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Chang	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Transportation Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, and esteemed members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy.

As a lifelong resident of Hawaii, I feel better infrastructure and laws for bicycling, besides making bicyclists safer, would encourage more people to bicycle, helping reduce traffic by having fewer cars on the road, reducing traffic, carbon emissions, and promoting a healthier lifestyle in Hawaii. Also it would reduce pedestrian fatalities as making it easier to bicycle would encourage people to bicycle instead of using their cars, thus lowering the amount of cars on the road and the probability of auto related fatalities.

In addition to my own testimony, I wish to include Hawaii Bicycling League's testimony, all of which I agree with. From Hawaii Bicycling League:
"[I] strongly supports HB2215, which would clarify in the existing Safe Passing law, Hawaii Revised Statutes 291C-43, that 3 feet is the minimum safe distance that a motorist should provide when overtaking a bicyclist.

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Mahalo nui loa for your time. Let me know if you have any questions.

Anthony Chang
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HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 7:23:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
simon radford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair; Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair; and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

As a frequent bicycle rider, for both daily transport (commuting) and for recreation, I strongly support HB2215.

Hawaii is blessed with a pleasant climate conducive to year round bicycle riding. But the cavalier attitude of many automobile drivers to vulnerable road users is frightening. Many times, drivers have passed me at high speed with far too little clearance, seemingly oblivious to the catastrophic consequences of an error. Some years ago, a good friend was struck while riding his bicycle by a hurried driver who failed to leave adequate space. My friend only(!) broke his hip and had to endure prolonged and continuing treatment and rehabilitation. Others are not so lucky. Far too often, the news reports bicycle riders killed or injured by drivers.

By mandating a minimum three foot passing clearance, HB2215 affirms the driver's responsibility to avoid endangering vulnerable road users. This is an important step to making Hawaii's roads safer for all users, automobile drivers, bicycle riders, and pedestrians alike.

Simon Radford
Hilo

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 9:59:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Franz Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This will help educating public, motorists, cyclists, and organizations concernin safe passing of cyclists.

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 11:03:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica Gasiorek	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. It is an important safety measure, and helps protect all road users.

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 11:26:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Gaskell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the 3 foot passing bill

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 11:29:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua Quint	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Biking is my only form of transportation and safety is my primary concern. I am doing my part to reduce congestion on the roads and I hope the city will continue to make improvements that promote alternative forms of transportation. There are currently very few streets in Honolulu with fully protected bike lanes, which means I often have to ride in traffic.

This bill will have a positive effect on bike safety. It will promote awareness among drivers that bikes have a legal right to be on the road and will help create a formal buffer zone that increases safety and reduces injuries to cyclists.

This law represents little or no hardship to safe drivers, and merely codifies what is common sense safe driving practice. Unfortunately, from my experience biking the roads of Honolulu, I have found that some drivers do not recognize cyclists as having an equal right to be on the road and will intentionally or unintentionally encroach on cyclists' space, intimidating and discouraging them from being on the road. When cyclists don't feel safe on the roads, they are forced to use the sidewalks, which is unfair to pedestrians. Laws like this necessary to provide a basis for enforcement in cases where drivers may be driving in an unsafe manner and not yielding sufficient space to bikes.

Thank you for your consideration and concern for the welfare and safety of the citizens of Honolulu.

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 11:31:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daphne Manago	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha! We strongly support the Safe Passing 3 Foot Bill HD2215. We need to make our beautiful state a safer place for all cyclists as well as motorists. Our son, Zach Manago, was killed while riding his bicycle seven years ago and it is our hope that no one else will lose their life while riding their bicycle. Let's raise public awareness to drive safely and with aloha. Please make 3 Feet the Law! Thank you for your consideration.

Daphne & Dennis Manago

March 28, 2018

Hawaii State Legislature Judiciary Committee

Senator Taniguchi,

I am writing this letter in support of Hawaii's proposed three-foot law (HB2215). In a nutshell, the proposed 3-foot law establishes three feet as the minimum safe distance which any motorist overtaking or passing a cyclist should allow. Not only will passage of the three-foot law provide additional safety for motorists and cyclists like my son riding to school every day, it also will serve as education for motorists that passing a cyclist requires some minimal safety allowance.

Similar to the passage of the mandatory seat belt law, I believe that passage of the three-foot law will educate and encourage motorists to engage in safer driving behaviors. I believe that passage of this law will show that Hawaii is a progressive and forward thinking state. In that regard, please do know that many of the mainland states – Nevada, California, Georgia and Florida already have enacted similar laws.

In closing, I ask that you support this proposed law for all bicyclists—Keiki to Kapuna—in Hawaii

Sincerely,

Scott J Hall
625 Lawelawe Street
Honolulu, HI 96821

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 12:10:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Uyen Truong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 12:45:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlene Santala Gearing	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I bike. I care about my safety. I wear a helmet. I use a tail light. I use a headlight. But, why not increase my safety by passing this bill? It is common sense.

Thank you.

Charlene Santala Gearing

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 2:16:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rudolpho Navor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The average Joe here who works Mon-Fri 8pm to 6pm. I usually drive to work because I have to drop-off my mother-in-law to Adult Day Care every morning. With that said, I am a competitive middle-aged cyclist who trains for races in the early morning (Mon, Tues and Thurs very early in the morning like 4am through 6am). It's an all year thing. On the weekends, I bike both Sat and Sun long distance. I'm always courteous and ride to right-side of the road, on the shoulder or in the bike lane as much as possible. However, there are times when there are "no shoulders and no bike lanes" so as a cyclist, I'm following the rules of the road by following traffic. Many times, drivers get impatient and somehow seem to be in a hurry to get to the next traffic light or stop sign and speeds pass me "really close and usually toots their horn and sometimes gets a few words out." I'm careful as not to cause any road rage and make matters worse so it's usually a safety thing first by me slowing down or just pulling on the side of the road and let the cars pass. But as a cyclist, what are we suppose to do? We share the road and we're not the most law abiding citizens--but that applies to cars, motorcycles, and big trucks as well. Help us share the road. The "3-foot passing room between cyclist and auto" may help to alleviate some road rage and make cyclists and drivers feel safe as well.

Thank you,

Rudy Navor - Hawaii Resident (Makiki District)

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 2:44:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
john tells	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 2:49:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Enrik Reyes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the Safe Passing 3 Foot Bill that requires the driver of a vehicle passing and overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction to allow at least three feet of separation between the right side of the driver's vehicle and the left side of the bicyclist.

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 3:07:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nima Daivari	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is the THIRD time I've had to comment on this bill. This is ridiculous. Stop wasting government resources going through the same exercise over and over and over again, particularly when it's so glaringly obvious that the current legislation, as written, is unclear. There is no standard given. The three foot law clarifies an unclear law. Why does clarifying an unclear law take so much effort? This is why people don't trust their government, why voter apathy is so high, and why governmental efforts repeatedly fail. Please find a way to make simple legislation, like clarifying an unclear law, a shorter, more streamlined process. Please pass this law and stop wasting my time and tax dollars making me comment over and over again on the same thing.

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 3:43:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bernard Doria	Testifying for Hawaii bicycling league	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. I am an avid cyclist and I want to feel safe on Hawaii roads. Mahalo.

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 3:47:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kari Benes	Testifying for Strategic Highway Safety Plan	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for hearing this measure.

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 3:49:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melvin Nakahata	Testifying for The Bike Shop	Support	No

Comments:

To the esteemed member of the State Senate,

On behalf of The Bike Shop, for which we have 3 locations on Oahu, I urge you to vote yes in passing HB2215. Hawaii's has the ALOHA spirit, the best weather, best scenery!. However, when it comes to the average persons' confidence in travelling around Oahu by bicycle, many of our customers fear riding Oahu's roads due to the narrowness of the roadways. In the last 10 years, an average of 3 cyclists have been killed per year on Hawaii's roads! One death per year is still one too many! With your vote of YES to pass this bill, this will move us closer to vision zero, zero deaths to cyclists on Hawaii's roadways. We will see more people riding bicycles because of the additional safety a 3 foot passing law will give us, and hopefully, no cyclist traffic fatalities in the future.

Thank you,

Melvin Nakahata

General Manager

The Bike Shop

HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 3:53:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a 61 year-old cyclist living in Laie. I ride approx. 6500 miles per year, mostly along Kam. Hwy. between Kaneohe and Haleiwa. I strongly support the 3-foot rule, because I am hoping that it will raise awareness for cyclists and therefore make cycling safer for me and all cyclists in Hawaii.

I have had many bad experiences with vehicles while cycling that would have been prevented if the drivers were following the 3-foot rule. On April 25, 2015 I was sideswiped by a car in Sunset Beach. I was knocked unconscious, had a broken rib, and was bruised and scratched up very badly. I have also had many - too many - close calls where drivers simply were not paying attention and pulled out in front of me, turned in front of me, nearly sideswiped me, etc. Please understand that I ride with lights on, even during the day, and I wear very bright colored clothing, in order to be seen.

I realize that passing this law will not guarantee my safety and that of my fellow cyclists, but it will surely help, and that means a lot to me. Hawaii is a wonderful place to cycle, and the 3-foot rule will only make it better. Please vote for this rule.

Michael Weber

Laie, Hi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly sort this bill.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Rogers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this important safety measure.

March 29, 2018

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Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair, Committee on Judiciary
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

RE: SUPPORT HB2215 HD1 Relating to Bicycles

Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Rhoads, Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of HB2215 HD1 that includes bicycles into the three feet passing law. We support this bill because it will make it safer for both cyclists and drivers. It codifies the expectation of allowing 3 feet of space when overtaking a cyclist from the left. No longer is there question, this bill clarifies the standard space for safety. Passage of this bill also creates the opportunity for education and outreach in regard to roadway safety.

At Blue Zone Projects, we support healthy lifestyle habits. Biking is most certainly a healthy and fun way to travel our beautiful islands. More people will be inclined to bike if they feel safer on the road. Safety is achieved through clear laws that are supported by educational outreach. Many cyclists feel unsafe because of car proximity. As the counties work to improve bike plans and implement complete streets, it is necessary to address rider safety as well. When these elements are addressed in unison, education and advocacy become highly effective and relevant.

From 2005-2014 there were 30 cyclists killed on our roadways almost half of those were from being struck from behind or side swiped. Through this bill and through partnered advocacy and education we can work to lower those numbers across the state. Motorists do not want to strike cyclists, nor do cyclists want to get hit. This measure helps to address both of those concerns.

On a personal note, I support this legislation as an avid cyclist and survivor from recently being struck by a vehicle while on my bicycle. What was intended to be a nice Saturday morning ride, resulted in me being struck by a vehicle, knocked unconscious and rushed to Queens trauma center. While I'm lucky to be alive today, the next cyclist hit by a car may not be as lucky. Passing this bill will be a step forward to ensure greater safety for all who utilize our roads.

Again, I sincerely appreciate the Committee taking the time to discuss the merit of this bill.

Regards,

Craig Petty

Craig Petty
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Blue Zones Project—Hawaii

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Testimony Strongly Supporting HB2215

The Maui Bicycling League, a chapter of the Hawaii Bicycling League, gives its support for the Safe Passing bill **HB2215**, which would clarify in the existing Safe Passing law, Hawaii Revised Statutes 291C-43, that 3 feet is the minimum safe distance that a motorist should provide when overtaking a bicyclist.

HB2215 will make our roads safer for cycling and for all road users by codifying a clear minimum safe passing distance, consistent with national standards and the Hawaii Driver's Manual. This codification of the recognized minimum safe passing distance will increase driver awareness of safe passing and result in safer passing practices. This is crucial to help prevent more injuries and deaths on our roads.

- 30 cyclists have been killed on Hawaii's roads in 10 years (2005-2014)
- 44% of all cyclist fatalities result from being struck from behind or sideswiped (national data)
- 12% of cyclists "felt threatened for personal safety" the last time they rode and "someone drove too close to me" was the primary reason (national data)

Safely sharing our roads requires clear and agreed upon ground rules. No driver wants to hit a cyclist, and some just don't understand what a safe passing distance is. The Safe Passing 3 Foot bill will make it clear to all drivers that 3 feet is the minimum safe passing distance.

Twenty-six states and Washington DC have amended their Safe Passing laws to include 3 feet as the minimum distance when overtaking a bicyclist. Police, cities, states, and nonprofits in these states are using signage, enforcement, and awareness campaigns to make sure their Safe Passing laws make their streets safer.

Sincerely,

Maui Bicycling League
Saman Dias, **Chair**
03/28/2018

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Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicholas Manago	Testifying for Hawaii Bicycling League	Support	No

Comments:

Being able to ride your bike year-round in Hawaii, it seems logical to support the cycling community and pass the bill which will have a significant impact right away for the safety of current and future cyclist.



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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Thursday, March 29, 2018
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 016

To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Re: H.B. No. 2215, H.D. 1, Relating to Bicycles

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kerry M. Komatsubara and I am the Advocacy Director for AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over with about 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty.

H.B. No. 2215, H.D. 1, requires the driver of a vehicle overtaking a bicyclist to allow at least a three-foot separation between the driver's vehicle and the bicyclist. AARP Hawaii **strongly supports** H.B. No. 2215, H.D. 1.

AARP is a strong proponent for Complete Streets which address the safety for all transportation modes of users including pedestrian, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. This safe passing bill will make it clear to all drivers that 3 feet is the minimum safe passing distance between a motorist and cyclist. Having this 3 feet law will make our roads safer for cycling (and for all road users).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. No. 2215, H.D. 1.



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Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Hauff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As both a cyclist and motorist, I strongly support this bicycle safety measure as an important step toward making Hawaii's streets and roads safer for all users.

Mahalo

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HB-2215-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 7:15:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mairi hayamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I just bought a bicycle. I really support this bill to make it safer for buck riders.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2018 8:22:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica Stenz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I commute from Nuuanu to downtown, making my way by car, bus, and bicycle, depending on the day. Too often when I ride my bicycle, cars do not allow sufficient space between their vehicle and me. I have had several friends hit by cars and seriously injured while bicycling. I would like to see our roads made a safer place for those who choose this environmentally-friendly mode of transportation. Please support HB2215 and a three-foot minimum distance to make our roads a safer place for everyone.

Mahalo for your consideration on this bill and all your work throughout session.

Jessica

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Submitted on: 3/28/2018 7:38:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Hauser	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. As a cyclist for over 20 years I've endeavored to be a friendly user of the road. During this time I've had numerous close calls due to vehicle drivers passing too closely while I was on the shoulder of the road. I was actually run into last thanksgiving when a truck cut me off in the hike and bike lane in Lanikai. With the prevalent Aloha spirit on Oahu, there's no reason all users can not share the road. I encourage the passage of this bill to continue improving the paradise location in which we all live and enjoy. Mahalo and Aloha, Todd Hauser

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacob Head	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I very strongly support this bill!

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Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angelo Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I commute from Makiki to Pearl Harbor by bicycle three days a week and strongly support this bill.