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H.B. 276
RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE

House Committees on Transportation

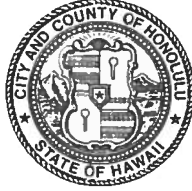
The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill to provide that the right-of-way rules in section 291C-61 shall be followed in intersections with inoperative traffic-control signals.

HB 276 will establish driver responsibilities when approaching inoperative traffic-control signals due to power outages and malfunctions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 10, 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. 276, Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code

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 comments regarding House Bill No. 276, Relating
to the Statewide Traffic Code:

1. It is already a current unwritten practice for motorists to treat an intersection with
inoperative traffic light signal as a four-way stop; and
2. At complex intersections with multiple lanes, which include designated turning lanes,
it will be difficult to determine which motorist has the right-of-way.

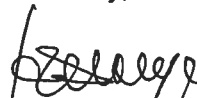
The HPD urges you to consider our comments regarding House Bill No. 276, Relating to the
Statewide Traffic Code.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns.

APPROVED:


Cary Okimoto
Acting Chief of Police

Sincerely,


Kerry Inouye, Major
Traffic Division

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Hi, my name is Kelsey Ikeda. I am currently learning how to drive. My mom and I have been in this situation before. We were on a side street intersecting with Kalanianaʻole Highway and no one on Kalanianaʻole Highway. The traffic signal was malfunctioning. It took us about 10 mins to get on the highway. When I asked people about their experience when the traffic signal is malfunctioning and they always told me it was a near accident or could have been an accident but wasn't. I am in support of this bill because it will give everyone a chance to cross. Pedes could cross without worrying and it would provide a system for drivers. Thank you.

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HB NO 2316 - Inoperative Signals

10am

My name is Wilmawyn Martin. I'm coming here as a citizen. I am testifying in support of this bill.

I stand by this bill as it will help prevent confusion, accidents, and make it fair for everyone on the road. I believe that this provide guidance on how to treat an inoperative traffic signal. I know HPD brings up a good point on how it may cause difficulty for more lanes on one approach, but for all of the other intersections, it would be a good idea to have the bill in place. Because as of now, there is no guideline of what to do. I know right now, people are already treating it as whoever who gets there first, but how about the people that don't know? How about the younger drivers that are still learning to drive? I believe that this bill will help educate and create awareness of how to react to this type of situation.

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