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**H.C.R. 53**  
**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUBMIT LEGISLATION**  
**FOR A UNIVERSAL HELMET LAW IN HAWAII REQUIRING ALL OPERATORS AND**  
**RIDERS OF MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS, MOPEDS, AND BICYCLES TO**  
**WEAR SAFETY HELMETS.**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.C.R. 53 that urges the DOT to submit legislation for a universal helmet law requiring all operators and riders of motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds, and bicycles to wear safety helmets.

The DOT supports requiring motorcycle, motor scooter and moped riders to wear U.S. Department of Transportation approved helmets, to wear the helmets according to the manufacturers requirements and requiring helmets for those who rent motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds and bicycles.

The DOT strongly believes requiring a universal helmet law will reduce injuries and fatalities among motorcycle, motor scooter, moped and bicycle riders of all ages and abilities.

The DOT will submit legislation for a universal helmet law in Hawaii during the 2019 legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

## **HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 7:49:53 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Emil Gomez	Street Bikers United and Mo'Opuna Motorcycle Club	Oppose	No

Comments:

"I OPPOSE THIS HCR 53"

**FOR THE RECORD**, no one is saying helmets don't provide safety benefits. They do. But, there is also evidence that there are safety risks. Unlike seat belts, there is little data on the effects of a helmeted body in motion from a bike crash.

Officials often state that helmet laws reduce accidents. A helmet cannot stop an accident. But... a helmet law **does** reduce riding. Per the DMV, California has 40% less bikes registered today than in 1992 when the state enacted its helmet law! And of those that continue to ride... they ride less often. The math: less bikers riding less often = less targets for cars to hit, which therefore = less accidents.

Instead of confusing the public with gross accident statistics that have no relation to the ability of a helmet to provide enough safety to even think about a mandate, many Officials don't quote, or even know, whether helmets have had an effect on **the ratio** of the number of deaths from head injury as related to the number of accidents. That is the stat you want to know!

Recently, a number of states have modified helmet laws to permit motorcyclists to ride without a helmet if they carry specific [health insurance](#) coverage or pass a rider training course. Other "partial" helmet-use laws, such as those requiring only certain age groups to use helmets, have unknown effectiveness because of enforcement issues. These approaches dilute the original reasons for the law and may raise confusion about the usefulness and role of helmets.

So why all the disinformation? Follow the money trail. The life insurance industry can't control their car drivers from hitting us, but they can control the number of targets their drivers can hit by backing helmet laws that reduce riding. This all dovetails nicely with the prejudice and propoganda against motorcycling.

We're seen as anti-social, public burdens, scofflaws, "scary", etc. instead of energy and road space efficient travelers that contribute millions of dollars to the economy and charities of every type. Take a recent Maryland "study", for example, that refers to

beanie helmets as "Nazi style". WOW! Then there's the ever present public mindset; since football players, astronauts and racers wear them, we're crazy not to. If only it were that simple.

Call ANY helmet manufacturer and see if you can get a straight answer whether their helmets cause neck injury or protect your head at speeds over 15 MPH. Try it...

Officials don't tell you how many neck injuries are caused by helmets. When air bags were found to hurt and kill children, NHTSA aggressively studied the situation and determined that they are, in fact, safe "if" used correctly, but that they can kill if not. As a result, [air bags are not mandatory](#) and can be disconnected legally. This begs the question, since there are cases where riders have sustained neck injury from their helmet, why isn't this being studied so that we can once and for all, ALL know the pros and cons of helmets. Like air bags, helmets should be a matter of freedom of choice.

The next time someone is in your face about helmets, quote Snell to them:

*"A helmet that can take one of our headforms through these 2 impacts unscathed could probably handle a single impact somewhat greater than 17.3 MPH, but certainly no more than 23 MPH." - Snell*

The best way to protect yourself is take an approved motorcycle safety course, maintain your bike, wear leathers, wear eyewear, ride responsibly and above all:

**Don't Drink, Drug and Ride...**

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 4:13:47 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronald Troia	SBUHI	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to HCR53 because even though I currently do not reside in Hawaii my wife and I vacation there frequently and the main reason for choosing Hawaii is because I can rent a motorcycle on any island there and enjoy the beautiful views from the saddle without the extreme discomfort of a helmet. If such a proposal becomes law we will in fact no longer make the trip to Hawaii with our leisure dollars.

I would urge you to consider options that would result in crash avoidance as opposed to safer crashing.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 6:58:12 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donald Jones	Street Bikers United Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:05:02 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacqueline Foster	Street Bikers United	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 8:03:46 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Athena Walsh	Street bikers United	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 8:14:25 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jon	SBU HAWAII	Oppose	No

Comments:



**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 10:00:16 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nohlan corpus	SBU	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:04:30 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Raymond King	Pacific Knights MC	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is in direct opposition to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; as such it offends the very **Constitution** that our country is governed by.

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:28:20 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Willie larry jr	Indian Motorcycle Rider's Group	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 10:44:21 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Matsuoka	SBUHI	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 6:01:49 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ray Pagan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 6:29:41 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
roy whitney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to this consideration.

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 6:32:08 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Balisacan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please don't add the workload of the State when there are more pressing problems. Wearing a helmet does not and will not make me a safer cyclist, motorcyclist etc. Please don't take away our "choice" to do so or not regardless of reasoning.

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 6:40:14 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacob Gregson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe the the choice to wear a helmet should be up to the individual rider and not the state.



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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 6:45:14 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 6:47:53 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Celeste Rogers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Helmets restrict a rider's ability to see other vehicles and should not be required.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 6:48:51 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Holmberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The decision to wear a helmet or not while riding a motorcycle should be a rider choice.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 6:52:43 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 6:54:56 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
TYLER PREPOSE	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 7:05:21 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James N Mork	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 7:06:59 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gary Keaweaike	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 7:19:09 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ricky Quibodeaux	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 7:28:17 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 7:32:39 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda Rivera	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 7:32:52 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Warren F Wegesend Jr,	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 7:45:00 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Inoshita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 7:56:14 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Levern Hayes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:00:49 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John webb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:01:05 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Bott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:03:23 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Hobbs	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. We have had enough of the nanny state telling us what to do and how to be "safe." OPPOSE!!



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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:10:43 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Zaks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:11:09 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Larry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Let Those Who Ride Decide!!! Pleas quit telling me what to do with my life!

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:22:43 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terrill Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:30:43 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Silven	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:33:17 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alexius E Joseph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:50:09 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Holly Reiplinger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:51:21 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Timothy Waldmann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Requiring a helmet will not necessarily reduce the deaths from a motorcycle accident. safe riding and other drivers paying attention will prevent that. should add a law that if you are liable for killing or injury to a motorcyclist due to your fault then the individual has to pay \$10000 to the injured motorcyclist out of your pocket. there is a law in Texas that has wording like this and has reduced motorcycle accident.

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:52:34 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Kazunaga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 9:11:31 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anthony Cabacungan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 9:14:50 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Len Fergusen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 9:19:26 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelvin N Asahina, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose any universal helmet law requiring me to wear a helmet while riding my motorcycles. I believe I am a responsible adult who has a thriving dental practice going on 31 years. I have been riding motorcycles to work for 25 years of those years and do not believe I need to be told what is safe and what I'd not safe.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 9:36:44 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
christopher thissen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 9:46:48 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Reynaldo Tomas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Helmet should be choice not mandatory!

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 10:10:02 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
robert pryor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Let those who ride decide!!!!

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 10:14:51 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Francis Riddell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 10:24:39 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Dinneen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 12:24:01 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter C Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 12:36:54 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cat Sanders	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 1:06:56 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Yes i agree the helmet saves lives and i personally wear a helmet at all times. However this fact doesn't cause any unjust burden on the state and therefore should remain the decision of the rider. Please maintain the freedom of our Hawaii riders.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 4:19:21 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donald B Porter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Although I generally choose to wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle I do not feel it is appropriate for the government to mandate helmet requirements. It should remain an individuals right to choose.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 4:35:30 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul Kiang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jasmine Paige	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 5:28:53 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Allen Rideout	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 6:15:26 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Suda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 6:20:13 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mari Baskin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 6:33:22 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark St John	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Paz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:02:52 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas Strand	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alex J. Roy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Too many people are killed riding motorbikes without a helmet, while this law will not be popular - as a motorcycle rider - I support making people safe. People are too stupid to know what is best for them so we need ot make laws that protect stupid people. Especially here in Hawaii, as most locals are too stupid to know better, and orientals have no clue - laws protect stupid people from themselves.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Foster	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly Opposed !!!

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:15:32 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roch Leblanc	SBU	Oppose	No

Comments:

Riders should have a choice either to wear a helmet or not.

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:29:22 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
sumner stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:39:31 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please leave the option to wear a helmet in the hands of the operator and preserve the freedom.

State government has no business mandating laws to protect law abiding adults. Motorcyclists are aware that Hawaii insurance providers have lobbyists in state government who are paid to protect their financial interests disguised as overall citizen safety. Helmet laws affect only the rider and do not protect the common citizen. Please vote no to this overbearing assault on motorcyclists rights to choose.

**HCR-53**

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Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Vaughan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:52:32 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James R Sowa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

unconstitutional as a violation of Hawaii Rider's Constitutional Privacy Rights pursuant to their rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of Happiness under Article 1, Section 2, of the Hawaii State Constitution and (iii) incapable of effectively achieving its objectives of substantially reducing head injuries and fatalities (except in a very narrow and limited set of circumstances), therefore if the Legislature are serious about reducing head injuries and fatalities to motorcyclists they will implement SBU's recommendations for comprehensive incentivized measure to implement safe driving and helmet based insurance premium deductions and respect Hawaii motorcyclist's constitutional rights.

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 8:21:40 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
T. Kelly Liftee Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 8:28:29 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jim Dodson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 8:38:09 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brant Perry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 8:39:00 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leimomi Perry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 8:39:12 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harry Greene	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is purely a personal choice. Making it a crime to not wear a helmet? This is a ridiculous rule that has no place in Hawaii. What next, helmets to use a cross walk? If you want to save lives let motorcycles use the shoulder lane during heavy traffic and build more bicycle lanes. Forcing everyone to wear a helmet and then forcing them to compete with SUVs and commercial vehicles for room is just madness. If you are going to make a rule make a usefull one. This is a waste of time and resources.



**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:06:37 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jefferson Gerard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:12:42 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Allen Evans	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:21:48 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Walter Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We agree with teh SBUHI alternatives.

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:24:34 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shannon Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:30:56 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Mase	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose: (1) unnecessary with Helmet legislation mandatory for Riders under 18, years old; (2) unconstitutional as a violation of Hawaii Rider's Constitutional Privacy Rights pursuant to their rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of Happiness under Article 1, Section 2, of the Hawaii State Constitution and (iii) incapable of effectively achieving its objectives of substantially reducing head injuries and fatalities (except in a very narrow and limited set of circumstances), therefore if the Legislature are serious about reducing head injuries and fatalities to motorcyclists they will implement SBU's recommendations for comprehensive incentivized measure to implement safe driving and helmet based insurance premium deductions and respect Hawaii motorcyclist's constitutional rights

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:32:14 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ron Rod	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a motorcyclist in Hawaii for over 40 years I adamantly oppose this bill on the grounds that it does not take into consideration the extremely important fact that an improperly fitted helmet can significantly contribute to serious and even fatal injuries. Without significant training and understanding by law enforcement, vendors and riders many will simply meet the letter of the law instead of the intent of the law and unknowingly put themselves or others in grave danger of serious injury or death. How will the public react when they learn that Legislators voted in support of this bill without appropriately considering the effects on the public and how we would all feel if someone got hurt or killed because of our decision.

It is infinitely better to AVOID the crash than it is to PREPARE for the crash. Time, energy and money should be focused on education, awareness and skill development to AVOID crashes in the first place.

Please vote NO on HR41.

Mahalo

Ronald E. Rod

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:32:32 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rachel Halverson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:36:38 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Potter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:40:31 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeffrey Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:51:32 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ricardo Locquiao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:55:55 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Rugenstein	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:59:05 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Porter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 10:06:11 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judith Rod	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Riding a motorcycle without a cranial cushion poses no danger to anyone except the rider. Skull fractures are not contagious. The public is not at risk if I decide to mount a Harley with nothing but a pinwheel hat on my head.

The mandatory helmet crowd, however, insists there is a threat to the public: the threat of being forced to cover the medical costs of bikers who are injured or disabled. Notes the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, "Only slightly more than half of motorcycle crash victims have private health insurance coverage. For patients without private insurance, a majority of medical costs are paid by the government."

Under the new health care law, of course, everyone will have to obtain coverage. But even then, the premiums of healthy people will have to cover the costs of motorcyclists' injuries.

The complaint has a point, but it considers only the costs of motorcycle accidents, not the—yes—benefits. At the risk of sounding macabre, let me note that a 50-year-old biker who dies in a wreck saves us money, since he won't be around to collect Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid in his old age. A 20-year-old fatality may yield a harvest of excellent organs for patients awaiting transplants.

Besides, the argument on safety and medical costs is one that proves too much. Brain buckets reduce the chance of being killed in a wreck, but federal data indicate that most of those who die in motorcycle accidents would be killed even with a helmet. So it's safe to assume that most of those seriously injured would be laid up in the hospital either way.

The real danger is not from riding a motorcycle without a helmet, but from riding, period. If you crash a hog at 70 mph, your head is only one of the body parts that will come out much worse for wear. If we're justified in requiring helmets to save medical expenses, why not simply outlaw motorcycles entirely? That would prevent a lot more death and injury. Also, we need more time to educate law enforcement and general public about properly fitted helmets not all DOT helmets save lives they can actually cause more harm if not properly fitted.

It's also hard to see why we single out motorcyclists for the sin of saddling everyone with higher health care costs. Plenty of patients suffer from self-inflicted ailments—lung cancer from smoking, liver damage from drinking, diabetes from eating unhealthy foods, AIDS from unprotected sex. Yet we don't ban these activities.

Why not? Because we retain a respect for individual freedom and choice—even in matters of life and death, even when individual choices have collective costs. Motorcycle helmet laws are an unwarranted exception to our normal, sound approach, which can be summarized: It's your life, and it's your funeral. Individuals who don't ride should not be making laws for those who do.

Judith Rod

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Katie Karsten	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 10:26:34 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brad Hickle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 10:28:36 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daryl Eby	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 10:41:59 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Costa III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We as citizens of the United States were given the freedom to choose.

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 11:41:28 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 11:49:31 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ramon Miranda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 11:50:45 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
john	street bikers united	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 12:37:15 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dan Lauer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 12:40:41 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malana Paige	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 12:52:21 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jose Ssndoval	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Coming from a state where helmets are required, I did not witness any difference in the amount of deaths caused by motorcycle accidents as it pertains to wearing a helmet. Further, I witnessed a death that was caused due to wearing one. The person involved was traveling at a low rate of speed and died at the scene due to breaking his neck upon impact due to the size of the helmet.

I also believe it has led to various instances where the riders have felt an overconfidence after wearing a helmet and the placebo effect of the helmet caused them to be overly careless.



**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 12:58:51 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
mark winery	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 1:04:36 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Isaac Kaopua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 1:16:46 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clayton Tapparra	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 1:17:30 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tim Talmey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I prefer the freedom to choose whether or not to wear a helmet.

I rely on my sense of hearing for greater awareness of approaching or crossing traffic while riding and that is diminished with a helmet.

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 1:24:48 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elliot Kano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 1:24:51 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rob Chaco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 1:26:00 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terri Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 2:21:40 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
shaun southern	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



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March 20, 2018

C/o Committee On Transportation  
Representative Henry J.C Aquino, Chair

Representative Tom Brower

**Re: HCR 53**

To The Committee On Transportation Representatives and People of Interest,

On August 15, 2017 our only twenty four year old daughter/child Alexis Patrice Jenkins, was fatally struck by a vehicle in the Wailea area in Maui, Hawaii.

Alexis was on a motor scooter and on her second day of vacation in Maui, when this accident occurred. The absolutely worst phone call a parent can receive.

I would like to tell all of you about our daughter. Alexis was a leader and people all over the country and world have reached out with stories that fill our hearts with joy. We always knew how special she was, however not the complete magnitude until after horrific day. Alexis had three vigils; One in Las Vegas, one in San Diego and one at her High School Del Oro in Loomis, California.

Maui residents met us at Alexis's roadside memorial, prayed with us and mourned with us a couple days after and placed Hawaiian leis on us. Maui has some incredible locals that are maintaining her memorial and keeping in touch. There also have been several visitors, families and locals that have visited her site as well.

Her Celebration of Life was held at the Ridge Golf Course in Auburn, California where Alexis golfed with her team and Daddy several times and a full house in attendance. Alexis was part of the Civil Air Patrol and the Color Guard performed a special tribute. Alexis's Tae Kwon Do Instructors performed and presented us with Alexis's Black Belt. Three skydivers landed on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, to pay homage to their fellow sister and a three plane "Missing Man" fly by.

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Having touched the hearts of many, Alexis was featured in Belle Vie modeling magazine February's issue as Cover girl and Centerfold. The Marketing Director for the magazine worked with Alexis when she ran for Miss California, which Alexis made a huge and lasting impression on her.

Alexis made a lasting impression on so many and still is. We believe there is a reason for her passing and we believe the HCR 53 is one of them. We are imploring this committee to move forward on the implementation of the Hawaii Helmet Law. We are unable to bring back our daughter Alexis, but we hope to be instrumental with saving others.

We have looked at some of the statistics and a lot of the fatality numbers can be reduced (if not prevented), with a simple helmet law. We see so many pros to HCR53 and are unable to come up with one con. It actually has great potential on saving lives and prevents someone else from going through this nightmare, which we live with every moment of every day. Our family lineage ended with Alexis unfortunately.

We are currently working on a lexislaw808.com website that should be up soon, to help with this important cause. We have a radio station that has reached out, media and a magazine. We will do what we can on this end, but we implore all of you to come to an agreement on the need for HCR 53 to move forward today.

Respectfully and Warmest Regards,

Tim & Danielle Jenkins

**HCR-53**

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Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeremiah Redins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I have been a lifelong (42 years) motorcycle and bicycle rider and I oppose the helmet law due to the impracticability of using a helmet in Maui. The speed limits are less than 60 miles an hour and there is no need to wear one in 80 plus degree weather. If someone wants to wear a helmet then let them but I find it to be an unsafe necessity. I have known more than one person that has died due to wearing a helmet and it causing a broken neck. The weight and sight distraction a helmet causes along with the extreme heat on the stop and goes of the roads is more likely to cause a distraction and accident.

Jack Nordby

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To the Members of Hawaii's Department of Transportation.

I write this letter and testimony as a family friend to Tim and Danielle Jenkins and Peymon Golafshan.

In August of 2017, Alexis Jenkins, Daughter of Tim and Danielle and girlfriend of Peymon, lost her life

on a motorized vehicle known as a "scooter" in the Wailea area of Maui. Her young precious life ended because

she was not to protected from the dangers of being an inexperienced and unprotected driver of a "scooter".

The current laws and requirements of Hawaii's visitors and residences allow them to easily obtain, rent, use and ride these

modes of transportation, but do not protect them from the harm and seriousness of injury and /or death from riding

these vehicles.

As a motorcycle rider for most of my adult life, I understand the motorcycle enthusiast' desire to have the freedom to ride

without a safety helmet. But for people who see a scooter or a moped as a "fun" "safe" "easy" form of transportation, they

don't know the reality of the fact that many visitors and residences alike throughout Hawaii are injured or die every year on our

roads and highways on one these.

The tragic and gruesome death of Alexis Jenkins not only seriously affected her boyfriend Peymon Golafshan who witnessed

her instantaneous demise as she hit with an oncoming truck, but also the driver and all of the occupants of the truck

that she hit. Then the first responders, the police, paramedics, tourist traveling on the roadway at the time, neighbors of the

accident scene. Then the negative impact that this has had on the Maui community at large. Then when this bad news finally

hit home with her parents, Tim and Danielle who hears that their only child has died within her first full day in Maui. Then when

this tragic news spreads to the thousands of people who knew Alexis, the pain of her death in Hawaii taints paradise to

all of the people negatively affected. Then all of us question whether there was anything that could have spared Alexis' life?

The only thing that could have changed it all, and we don't know for sure if it would have, but had Alexis been required by Hawaii

State law and the moped/scooter rental shop to wear a safety helmet, it may have made all of the difference in the world.

There have been other motor vehicle laws created to lower the risk of accidents, injuries and death such as prohibiting the use of drugs and alcohol, cell phone texting and talking and the requirements of using seat belts and child restraint seats. These are all excellent laws that were created for the good and safety of all people, but also created out of common sense whether or not all of the people like them or not.

Hawaii lawmakers cannot create a law to protect visitors and residents alike from shark attacks, drowning, heart attacks or any number of other life threatening events. But Hawaii lawmakers have it in their power right now to reduce the risk of injuries and death to all of us who ride mopeds, scooters, motorcycles and bicycles, by initiating a safety helmet law whether or not all of the people who ride these, like them or not.

The passing of Measure HCR 53 and the helmet safety requirements is not only past due for all of the people who lost their lives and all of their family and friends who lost a loved one, but for all of the people in the future who may be spared from the pain and suffering that Alexis Jenkins' family and friends have had to endure since her passing.

We can't imagine anyone wanting to oppose a law that is common sense, basically good for the people and the right thing to do.

A law like this shows tremendous respect and concern for all and especially those who are visiting our paradise islands.

No one visiting our islands for vacation or business should leave the way that Alexis Jenkins did. We hope you will agree.

We will be gathering to celebrate Alexis birthday on April 13th, 2018 in the Wailea area near her memorial site. We have an

open invitation to the public and the members of this committee. We hope you will be able to join us.

Mahalo, In the Spirit of Hawaii.

Jack Nordby

**HCR-53**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Warren Scheidel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jakeb Redins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe it is up to the rider to decide if they want to wear a helmet or not. I am pro choice and i feel as if this law would keep me from having that choice. It is big government infringing on personal rights.

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 3:23:21 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gary Laikona	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Allan Raikes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 3:40:31 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Braanna Kunz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 3:41:47 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steve Palin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this legislation! Leave us the hell alone. We don't need or want your nanny state!

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 3:53:10 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pancho Owens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 4:07:25 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 4:29:12 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dylan Kuba	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



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**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:36:32 PM  
Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lovell K. Kaopua	SBU/HRA/Resident	Oppose	No

Comments:

Before you decide for me, get (qualified) your motorcycle license, then you can talk. To much government oversight is a problem. As a bike rider I wish you would concentrate more on fixing the roads. It's hard riding on the worst roads in the nation.

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 8:16:36 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tyrone Arnold	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Ridiculous to compare bicycles with motorcycles, they don't follow the same ordinance, they don't test to obtain a license, and helmets are not needed by motorcycle riders.

**LATE**

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 8:23:24 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
yaefen hoe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is so simple and should be about 'head injuries.' If that's correct, let's be fair and address 'all' head injuries. head injured motorists which far outnumber motorcycle incidents. So are head injured falls by the elderly. At one time, california thought of having their motorists wear helmets but test results showed that it created heat exhaustion, it blocked peripheral sight and hearing. Helmets actually can give young people a false sense of security. That is why SBU has always promoted safety riding courses. Helmets are manufactured out of the U.S. to avoid lawsuits. Helmets are also known to exacerbate neck injuries leaving one paralyzed. The debate is endless and in the end..... what happens to our 'Civil Liberties.' How can my not wearing a helmet hurt anyone but myself? Why would the public care about my neck? So what is this law really about? How many motorcycle deaths do we have a year in Hawaii. How many died with and without a helmet? In the old days, we were black mailed by Federal Highway funds if we didn't pass a helmet law?! 20 years ago, there were more than 200,000 uninusred cars on Hawaii's roads? And would you like to guess the amount of fatal head injured motorists vs. motorcyclists? In all fairness to head injuries, Why don't we put helmets on motorists too???

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 5:53:59 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
edison	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:05:14 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cynthia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:06:03 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kimberly St John	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:47:58 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Heidi Sowa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**HCR-53**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 8:42:05 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Let the riders decide!



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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:20:50 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Puttkammer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/21/2018 7:52:57 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Stilwell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/21/2018 9:09:40 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/21/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fredrick C Williams	SBU (Street Bikers United)	Oppose	No

Comments: