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### Testimony Strongly Supporting SB238

Aloha Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy Chair Inouye and Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Chair Nishihara, and esteemed members of the committees:

Hawaii Cycling League **strongly supports SB238**, which would require motorists to provide a safe distance of at least 3 feet when passing a bicyclist.

SB238 will make our roads safer for cycling and for all road users by setting a clear minimum safe passing distance. This will directly address one of the biggest hazards to people who bicycle.

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

Thirty-six states and Washington DC have a Safe Passing law. 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.

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](mailto:chad@hbl.org)) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, [Daniel@hbl.org](mailto:Daniel@hbl.org)).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

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## Bill 238 Testimony: Safe passing distance of 3 feet

- 30 cyclists killed in Hawaii in last 10 years. If this does not sound like very much, consider that for every cyclist killed, roughly 70 are seriously injured based on national averages. That's approximately 2,100 bicycle related injuries here in Hawaii.
- 44% of cyclists fatalities result from being struck from behind or sideswiped, also a national statistic
- 12% of cyclists feel threatened by motor vehicles passing too close. I'll explain why.

This bill is important because it sets a standard for motorists; unless you are a cyclist, you don't know what a safe passing distance is. Here is an example:

- Kamehameha Hwy in windward Oahu.
- For much of it, there is an 18 to 24 inch shoulder. If the cyclist rides in the middle of the shoulder, there is 9 to 12 inches between his wheel line and the shoulder stripe.
- A bike's handle bar is typically two feet wide, some are more. The bar end extends into the lane when the cyclist is in the center of the shoulder.
- Rocks and dangerous debris often crop up in the shoulder, mandating the cyclist to abruptly swerve within the shoulder lane to avoid a spill. Should the cyclist swerve to the edge of the shoulder stripe, the handlebar will extend a foot into the lane.
- A car driver that had considered safe clearance to be 2 feet from the cyclist while in the center of the shoulder would strike the cyclist, even though the bicycle wheels remain within the shoulder.
- Its happened to me.

3 feet is a minimum safe distance that allows the cyclist some room to maneuver safely within the shoulder without being struck, and provides a margin of safety in case the cyclist must depart the shoulder all together to avoid a hazard.

When you consider the effects of distracted and speeding drivers on top of this basic geometry, the need becomes even greater.

We are making tremendous progress in bicycle travel in Hawaii, for residents, and as an attraction for visitors alike. Roadway safety is the single biggest determinant in the continuing growth of bicycle use for basic transportation, health, and recreation. This bill is a big step toward that end.

Thanks for considering this testimony. Be happy to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted:  
John B. Goody  
Hawaii Bicycling League

The Maui Bicycling League (MBL) is an active, engaged bicycle advocacy group representing the interests of bicyclists and potential bicyclists. Critical to this is supporting Complete Streets making roads safer and more accessible for everyone who uses them.

Honolulu ranks as number 3 as worst cities for traffic in USA. In 2013 it was number 2. Oahu planners and administrators did not plan properly to accommodate the population's transportation needs. Short sighted exclusive reliance on the automobile and creating infrastructure focused only on the automobile was a mistake. Now the struggle is how to mend the problem?

The MBL regularly calls for Maui administrators to grasp the potential danger we face here on Maui as well, and start studying and supporting alternative means of transportation in your policies, using of the latest and best design criteria and guidelines, while recognizing the need for flexibility to balance user needs.

Bike paths exemplify the connectivity of a community to resources with the lowest possible impact to the environment and the maximum potential for public enjoyment.

People across Hawaii are increasing choosing to walk and bicycle, however our roadways are not keeping up. The unsafe conditions of our roads are evidence by the high numbers of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries.

Per Hawaii Department of Health there's been around 30 pedestrian and bicyclists fatalities and 600 serious injuries per year in recent years.

People of Hawaii have long had a love affair with big cars. Cycling in general has never been very popular in Hawaii. We do have the best climate and topography in the world for bike commuting, but we don't do it.

Lots of people resent cyclists. They want them to disappear. No one wants to ride anymore – there are no bike lanes and it's dangerous. More often, motorists just don't or can't see them and run them over.

Maui County recently prosecuted a negligent driver whom struck and killed veteran cyclist, Karl Hagen. He was charged and found guilty of two counts of



**homicide, (including one count of homicide under Hawaii's "Vulnerable User" law) and with operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs and driving without vehicle insurance.**

**In likeness MBL has been asked to present a letter, when appropriate, from Carmella Jankowski whom writes;**

*On March 19, 2015, my husband and I rented bicycles for one of our vacation activities. During the rental period, I suffered extensive bicycle injuries.*

*My husband and I biked to the coffee plantation which had very little traffic and allowed new bicycle riders an opportunity to become more familiar with the features of the bicycle. We then had to ride along the highway in order to bike near the beaches. On the way to return the bikes we again had to ride along the highway. It was approximately 2:30 p.m. and traffic was fairly heavy. When approaching the traffic signal (can't remember name of street, it is one light north of the Westin Kaanapali ocean villas), north and southbound traffic had the green light. As we proceeded to cross the intersection, a car pulled into traffic not looking both ways and nearly struck me. I had to immediately swerve to avoid colliding with the car. In doing so, I swerved with the bike and fell to the ground. Both of my legs were badly bruised and after seeing the hotel physician, I was instructed to immediately go to the Maui Emergency Room.*

*There I had xrays to detect injuries. Needless to say, it put quite a damper on the rest of my vacation.*

The reason for this letter is to ask that Maui County provide an area where tourists (locals as well) can ride bicycles and feel safe while participating in family activities. We come to Maui to enjoy this beautiful island and be able to enjoy outdoor activities without worry of being injured.

I understand that there is a road that runs along the highway that would be great for this activity. It is the Lower Cane Haul Road. If this were available to use for bicycling, I think more tourists would take advantage of this activity. I would not feel comfortable riding along the highway if I had younger children with me. I just feel that a pathway that is not congested with traffic would encourage more tourists as well as locals to ride more.

Please forward my letter to the appropriate department so that as a yearly visitor to the island there could be a safe road for this activity.  
Mahalo

Carmella Jankowski

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**Explicitly stating, safe walking and bicycling environment is essential to improving public transportation. Proper planning, budgeting and implementation to provide for public transportation customers and transit vehicles can create new partnerships and a transportation network that encourages healthy, active travel and reduces congestion.**

We still have a chance here in Hawaii if we start now by providing infrastructure understanding that people who travel by foot or on bicycle are legitimate users of the transportation system and equally deserving of safe facilities to accommodate their travel.

The Safe Passing 3 Feet law will make our roads safer for cycling (and for all road users) by setting a clear minimum safe passing distance.

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

The MBL supports the efforts of the Hawaii Bicycling Leagues work to increase safety and awareness of Bicyclists by promoting the "3 Foot for Safer Streets Bill". Please pass the "3 Foot Safe Passing Bill".

2/4/2017  
Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair  
Transportation and

**Testimony in Support of SB238 Safe Passing**

Aloha Senator Inouye and Senator Dela Cruz,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Safe Passing bill SB238.

This bill will establish a clear rule that motorists must pass a cyclist within a safe distance. It will serve as a valuable educational tool and be backed by enforcement. Being rear ended or sideswiped is a fear for most cyclist – and these types of crashes account for 44% of cyclist fatalities. Being "buzzed," when someone passes you within inches of your life, is an all too common experience. This bill will make the law clear that this behavior is illegal and will go far in reducing this dangerous practice.

Safe Passing laws have been established in 38 states and DC. Some Hawaii business have already put Safe Passing policies in place - Roberts Hawaii requires it's drivers to give 6 feet and TheBus requires 7-8 feet.

Let's bring this accepted "best practice" into law and make our roads safer. Over the last 3 years, six cyclists have died on Hawaii Island roads, let's work together to bring this number down to zero.

Thank you,

Tina Clothier  
Executive Director  
PATH- Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii

February 3, 2017

I would like to submit testimony in favor of SB238, requiring at least 3 feet of leeway when a motorist passes a bicycle on the road. As it is, there are some roads with very narrow or non-existent shoulders, and it is almost impossible to move over on the edge of the shoulder to be safe when cars and trucks pass. I have been riding--too numerous times to count--on my side of the white shoulder line, and a car will pass me by only a few inches to spare. It is dangerous and truly frightening! I have been a cyclist my entire life, and lived in South Kona for 45 of my 67 years. I know this is a law in many states, and here where we are fortunate to be able to ride year-round, it should be safer to be on the roads. Just 2 weeks ago, a cyclist was killed by a DUI driver on the shoulder near Honokohau Harbor, and it would be great to have a law that mandates motorists to give cyclists a little more room.

Thank you for listening!

aloha,  
Wil Friesen

February 3, 2017

I am writing in support of SB238, which would give cyclists 3 feet of passing room when cars and other vehicles pass. Too often you can feel the breeze of the passing car on your leg, often less than a foot away, when cars pass. It is very scary to ride on our roads, especially when motorists have no idea that we have a right to be here. The most common thing I hear yelled at me is "Get off the road!" I have been a cyclist for most of my life, and have been a serious rider for the last 11 years in Kona. Everyone thinks that the home of Ironman would be a really safe place to ride a bike, but sadly this is not true. A cyclist, Richard Topenio, was fatally struck by a driver who was DUI only 2 weeks ago, and this happens far too often on our roads. Please pass SB238 so that motorists are mandated to give us 3 feet of passing room, which I understand is the law in many states.

Thank you very much!

with aloha, Toni Romp-Friesen  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tommy Noyes	Kauai Path, Inc.	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. Kauai Path regards a three-foot minimum safe passing law as an enforceable and necessary measure to increase safety for bicyclists in Hawaii. A law prohibiting motorists from operating a motor vehicle within three feet of a moving bicycle would help protect bicyclists and moped riders who are currently at considerable risk on our roadways. SB238 has clear language requiring motorists to observe a three-foot minimum passing clearance. If enacted, this easily understood safety margin will increase motor vehicle operators awareness of other road users, simplify enforcement, and thereby decrease injuries and fatalities. Hawaii's elected and appointed leaders agree on the urgent need to reduce our state's traffic fatality rate. Between 2006 and 2015 a total of 269 pedestrians and bicyclists have been killed on Hawaii's roads (1). Approximately 40% of the bicyclist fatalities resulted from being struck from behind (2). This proposed legislation is a necessary enforcement tool. Here in Hawaii we are following the lead of many other states that invest in bicycle friendly infrastructure and implement bicycle friendly policies. If enacted, this policy will help make bicycling safer by clearly establishing that passing motorists must observe a one yard, or preferably greater, minimum clearance. Sincerely, Tommy A. Noyes Executive Director, Kauai Path, Inc. (1) <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/ncsa/STSI/USA%20WEB%20REPORT.HTM> (2) <http://www.bikeleague.org/content/new-report-every-bicyclist-counts>

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The Senate  
Committee on Transportation and Energy  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Monday, Feb. 6, 2017  
3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 225

To: Senator Lorraine Inouye Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
RE: **SB 238 Relating to Motor Vehicles**

I am Audrey Suga-Nakagawa, Advocacy Director for AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over with more than 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP advocates and provides information on issues that matter to our kupuna and their families, including affordable, accessible, quality healthcare, financial resiliency, and livable communities.

SB 238 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** SB 238.

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.

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nat bletter	Madre Chocolate	Support	No

Comments: I own and run a business in Chinatown and due to the parking difficulties and a wish to maintain Hawai'i's clean air, I and several of my employees bike to work every day. The king st. Bike path is great but coming from Palolo I must bike along busy Waiialae, King, and Beretania to get to the bike path, on which I've been nearly side swiped many times with cars coming within inches of my body and bike. I've feared for my life many times. Drivers do not understand the importance of giving a bike space, even a whole lane, and this bill would do a world of good to change that by creating a law and education through signs. I fully support this bill and hope that my Honolulu elected representatives will do the right thing and make safer streets while encouraging more people to bike and keep Hawai'i the idyllic fresh-aired place it is, one of the most bikable cities in the US year round.

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Richard Merschdorf	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Paul Eggel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help cyclist by supporting 3 feet law Aloha

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Antonita C. Villa	Individual	Support	No

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB238 – SAFE PASSING BILL

GREG WOLF

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I've lived in Honolulu for 32 years. I am 52 years old. I am a cyclist. I ride a bicycle every day, 7 days a week. I've done so for the past 20+ years. I have not owned a motor vehicle in all that time. In the rare instances that I can't get it done on my bike I utilize a car share program. I ride my bike to work, on errands, I bring my groceries home with it. When I'm not riding for the purpose of transportation I am riding for the sheer joy of it, for exercise, training or racing.

I do not act like an idiot when riding. I follow the rules of the road when on my bike. I do not ride on the sidewalks, I do not run stop signs or red lights. I use hand signals when turning. I use the bike lanes when available. I ride predictably, don't make sudden changes in direction, keep my line and make my intentions as clear as possible.

I have been hit by motor vehicles on four separate occasions during my lifetime on a bike.

The first time (as a teenager when living in California where I grew up) I was actually chased down by other teens in car and hit. Just for the sport of it. Double compound fracture of my left leg, 3 months in a cast up to my hip.

The second occasion, while on a training ride on Kalia Ave in Hawaii Kai, an elderly gentleman thought he could beat me through the intersection while he was making a left turn. He was wrong. I hit his front quarter panel at 20 some odd miles per hour and flew over his car, landing about 30 feet away. My bike was broken in half.

On the third occasion, on Kalakaua Ave., a large tour bus apparently decided that once he was about a quarter of the way past me that I no longer existed and he pulled back in to my lane and slammed right in to me. The bus just kept on going as I bounced across the pavement.

On the fourth and most recent occasion, almost one year ago, I was leaving work headed for home, traveling on Punahou Street and just crossed King right across from Washington Middle School. In this instance the guy hit me from behind, slamming me to the pavement. He fled the scene. While I was still collecting myself and evaluating the damage the driver actually returned on foot and proceeded to tell me, as I was bleeding profusely from my left elbow and both knees, that it was all my fault because I was in his way, that I actually hit him. He ran off before the police arrived.

On the last three occasions I escaped fairly intact, mostly severe road rash, bruises and strained muscles. But, in all instances the drivers made it pretty clear that they had no respect for my well-being, that I was a nuisance and should not be riding my bike on their road.

I would not be able to relate to you, in a short period of time all of the other close calls that I routinely experience as drivers attempt to squeeze by me at any cost just so their travel is not impeded in any way. It is almost a daily occurrence. At the very least once per week. And, I am routinely subjected to verbal or sometimes other physical abuse (can't tell you how many items have been thrown at me from passing cars, been spit on, or in one instance a guy on a scooter tried to shove me as he was passing). A gentleman once passed me in his convertible and argued with me that he was a lawyer and would sue me for impeding his travel. A police officer once gave me a ticket for impeding his travel on Kuhio Ave. while I was stuck behind The Bus! Got it dismissed with prejudice in court.

I actually have a rear taillight that projects a laser line on the road surface on either side of my bike at a three foot distance. I hoped it might help. Not really. I think it gets some attention but I also think that for some drivers it is a challenge and they move even closer to me when passing.

So, I support this Safe Passing bill. Asking drivers to give cyclists three feet should not even require an argument. It should be a no brainer. Why should we even have to be asking for this? Because I am on a bike I should give up my expectation of some semblance of safety? Do the right thing, pass this bill.

Do I think drivers will comply? No, probably not. Do I think it will be enforced? Not likely. BUT, everything combined, the bike lanes, protected bike lanes, this bill, all of it together may help to gradually shift the attitudes of drivers, to help them actually consider sharing the road over time. Again, it shouldn't even be necessary to ask for this but since we do, it shouldn't even require consideration. This bill should be passed unanimously, without any discussion.

Thank you for your time and attention.



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Gerald Penaflor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe the new rule will help make bicycling safer on the road. I have witnessed more careful and respectful driving behavior in other cultures expressed by offering a wide birth when passing bicyclist. We can express the same love and respect here. The original people of Hawaii call it "aloha".

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David Higginson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: David Higginson 670 Kaikoo Pl Wailuku, HI 96793 (907)727-9412 dmhigginson@gmail.com February 4, 2017 Regarding SB238 - Relating to Motor Vehicles I support any bill serving to enhance the safety of human powered vehicles and pedestrians on Hawaii's roadways. I am a licensed driver in the State of Hawaii and have two registered automobiles in my household. Work commitments, and the basic infrastructure of Maui, necessitate the use of a motorized vehicle to function on many occasions. I am however an avid cyclist. I commute to work at Maui Memorial Medical Center by bicycle at least 75% of the time. In addition to any benefit I receive personally from riding versus driving I also free up space in a congested parking lot and in many regards subtract from the "rush hour" traffic surrounding Maui Memorial Medical Center, Baldwin High School, and the War Memorial Complex. In addition to bicycle commuting I ride the roads of Maui recreationally as often as I can. Last year I rode over 8000 miles across the world class scenery that Hawaii provides. Perhaps ironically, I find the best riding is away from the Central Valley and the striped bicycle lanes. The worst traffic and car to car, and car to bicycle interfaces lie in those spaces. The best riding is much more rural; Areas like West Maui through Kahakuloa, Upcountry through Ulupalakua, Kaupo, The Road to Hana, and Haleakala. Generally speaking the volume of traffic is lower and the majority of drivers are respectful. The problem is that those drivers who are not respectful wield far too much power when encountering a vulnerable user such as a cyclist. I've managed to avoid major incident, but I have been yelled at, had water bottles thrown at me, and have even been grazed by car mirrors passing too quickly and closely. Most of the time the offending drivers are then caught behind the next vehicle, traffic obstacle, or even just stop at the next scenic lookout. The vehicle's average speed and duration of trip are rarely impacted by bicycles and pedestrians despite any apparent momentary delay. Motorized vehicles should always be required to operate in a safe manner for all road users. A minimum passing distance reinforces that principle. Please support this bill and any other that inspires the safer operation of motor vehicles. Thank you, David Higginson

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It is very important that a Safe Passing bill is passed in the state of Hawaii making it the law that vehicles pass cyclists at a minimum of three feet. It is clear that traffic is a large problem in the state of Hawaii, and a very expensive one at that costing almost all of us time and money daily. Energy independence and sustainability are also clear important issues of the day, particularly when we all live on an island. In light of all this we should certainly be making alternative methods of transportation more possible for everyone. In many parts of Hawaii, getting around by bike from home to work or school should be a wonderful option. We are blessed with year round good weather, and often distances are under 5 miles. I personally commute to work 8 miles one way rain or shine, and bike with my daughter 2 miles to her school daily. Time and time again people have told me how they would like to do this too. But they don't. Why? Because of the vehicles passing so close by. What if vehicles had to give them safe berth and they took to the road on their bikes instead of their cars? Not only would they each be one less car clogging our lanes at the heaviest times of traffic, they would be also burning less fossil fuels and making themselves and their children healthier and happier as well, with the added bonus of reducing health care costs.

I've been hit by a car. I was lucky, while it resulted in multiple surgeries to fix my clavicle, I lived to get back on my bike. Cars still pass within inches of me. It is clear to me they don't know what a safe distance is. I'm sure they don't want to endanger my life, or my child's, but they are not cyclists themselves, they don't know that the wind their vehicle is moving can knock me sideways. They don't know that their side view mirror juts out at head level to me. They don't know that the branch on the shoulder that I have to dodge or try to ride over may take me towards them. They need a reference point. This bill is that reference point. Give us all safer streets for our future. Pass SB238, the Safe Passing bill.

Aloha,

Sylvia Ravaglia

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

Comments: 3 Feet of clearance between an auto and a bicycle would be a great law and it should reduce injuries and death to all of our Hawaii bike riders. I've had too many friends that have been killed or injured by being hit from behind or sideswiped by a passing auto.

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**Testimony in Support of SB238**

February 4, 2017

Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members of TRE and PSM:

My husband was killed while cycling on a highway on the Big Island. I lived on the Island of Hawaii for 12 years from 1996-2008. In 2003, my husband, Wayne Scrimshaw, was competing in a triathlon on the Island of Hawaii when he was hit and killed by a passing car.

The loss of my husband was devastating and it will affect me for the rest of my life. The accident happened when he and another cyclist collided and he lost balance enough to go past the shoulder into the lane of traffic.

My husband's death was tragic and unnecessary. In Canada, where I was born, cyclists are respected on the roads and drivers know it is their responsibility to move over to give them a safe distance while passing.

I am in complete support of this bill. My husband is gone but this bill could prevent further tragedies from occurring. It could make Big Island a safer place for the cyclists and for their families that suffer the damages when they are hurt and killed.

Sincerely,

Shelly Zebedee

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Bob Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha,I have had a lot of "close calls" while riding my bike. Drivers pass too closely, turn right when I am on their right side forcing me to turn right with them to avoid collision, and purposely run me off the road intentionally. I did not deserve any of their behavior as I always try to ride safely and with Aloha. In absence of this or a similar law, I have no recourse. Please pass this bill into law. Mahalo.

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Randy Ashley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Jennifer Orr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please make Hawaii's streets safer. So many more people would become more active if they felt safe on their bicycles. Mahalo.

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Testimony Relating to SB238  
The 3 Foot Passing Bill

Aloha,

I am writing in support of SB238, 3 foot passing bill. We live on the Big Island and my husband is an avid cyclist. He cycles along the highway and along narrow country roads all over the island. Unfortunately, in the short time we have lived here we have lost friends and cycling buddies due to traffic accidents. It is imperative that motorists be required to maintain a 3 foot safety zone when passing road cyclists. I strongly support this Bill.

Mahalo for your time and attention to this important issue.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Weinbrandt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii is a great place to ride bikes but it has traffic. The 3 foot clearance law will make it safer for all

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
brooke myers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I hear by am for getting the 3 FEET into law. I am an avid runner on the roads and have been pushed off the road my numerous mo-ped drivers that did not invoice by the rules. I have witnessed numerous times weaving in and out of traffic on which cyclists have had to fear their own life. we need more protection laws!

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of a 3' Passing Bill. A 3 Feet passing law helps make our roads safer for cyclists and helps to remind automobile traffic that many of our roads are multi-purpose roads. Thirty-six states and the District of Columbia have safe passing laws, and since cycling agrees with so many of the values of Hawaii, it is time that we have a safe passing law as well. Such a law is of particular importance due to the increasing amount of cycling traffic on our roads these days. My nine year old daughter commutes to school regularly, and while we take every precaution that we can, a 3 feet passing law would help to protect her and the many other children in our state who cycle. The clarity that such a law would provide to motorists would in itself be extremely beneficial.

Sincerely,

Mark Ravaglia

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harald Ebeling	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chairs and Committee Members, I am writing to voice my strong support of the Safe Passing bill, SB238. With its year-round wonderful climate, Hawai'i is the perfect place for cycling, not just for recreation but as a healthy and environmentally responsible means to commute to work or school. Making cycling safer and more attractive should be a priority, and SB238 takes an important step into this direction. Few are the cyclists on our streets who have not had jarring encounters with vehicles that passed them at high speed at distances that felt like inches. (I note that this applies also to vehicles passing pedestrians on streets without sidewalks.) I myself have been struck by the wing mirror of a passing pickup truck - fortunately the differential speed was modest, and no lasting damage was done. Requiring motorists to maintain a safe, 3-foot distance when passing cyclists (or pedestrians!) amounts to little more than plain common sense. I urge you to support SB238 and to ensure its enforcement on our streets to improve the quality of life and safety of all of us. Mahalo!  
Harald Ebeling

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Two people who were riding bicycles have been hit and killed by cars in Kona in just the last couple weeks!

As avid cyclists, my husband and I and many of our friends ride our bikes nearly every day. In some places we are fortunate to be able to ride in a nice, wide shoulder or a bike lane but not everywhere, as many roads in Hawaii don't have such facilities for cyclists. Regardless of where we are riding but most often when we must share the road with cars due to little/no shoulder or bike lane, cars will inadvertently pass too close not knowing what a safe distance is to pass cyclists. Many may be tourists who may not be accustomed to seeing many bicyclists on roads and/or are distracted looking at other things (maps, phones, waves, signs, sightseeing, etc). Occasionally, some drivers (often locals) get dangerously close and lay on their horns on purpose to harass us.

Fed up with countless close encounters with motorists, many cyclists, including myself and my husband, now ride with video cameras mounted on our bikes to capture dangerous/threatening behavior of motorists and hopefully get a license plate so we can report them to police. We have been successful in capturing some bad motorist behavior on video cameras but unless a cyclist gets seriously injured or killed as a result of the motorist's behavior, it seems police don't care much to do anything but take the report.

What we direly need is a LAW that specifies exactly what is the MINIMUM safe distance to pass cyclists, followed by a big public safety campaign. This would make what is currently much too vague clear to the public and also reinforce the fact that bicyclists are legally able to use the roads (a fact that many motorists don't seem to believe). Additional verbiage in the law to allow motorists to cross over double yellow lines when safe to do so would also be a big help so motorists can pass cyclists with the minimum safe distance and yet not be forced to break a traffic law in doing so. Eight states (CO, ME, MI, MT, OH, PA, UT, WI) already have such additional verbiage in their laws.

With year around great weather, the home of the Ironman World Championship, a strong state-wide desire to improve Blue Zones, quality of life through more exercise and less pollution, we need to do what we can to promote bicycling and this 3 foot safe passing law is sorely needed.

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Chet Myers, O.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a daily bicycle commuter for the past six years, I would appreciate a bill that gives cyclists a 3 foot passing zone. Most local drivers already do this whenever they are able. There are occasionally aggressive drivers that make poor decisions that threaten cyclists and a SB 238 would hopefully help protect cyclists from those drivers. Thank you for considering this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Drutar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Safer Streets – The Safe Passing 3 Feet law will make our roads safer for cycling (and for all road users) by setting a clear minimum safe passing distance. This will directly address one of the biggest hazards to people who bicycle. 30 cyclists have been killed on Hawaii’s roads in 10 years (2005-2014, source) 44% of all cyclist fatalities result from being struck from behind or sideswiped (national data, source) 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, source) Sharing Our Roads – Safely sharing our roads requires clear ground rules. No driver wants to hit a cyclist, and some just don’t understand what a safe passing distance is. The Safe Passing bill will make it clear to all drivers that 3 feet is the minimum safe passing distance.

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Marcia Nora	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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## **Testimony of Adel Heenan IN SUPPORT of SB 238 Relating to Motor Vehicles**

I cycle to commute to work and recreationally on the weekend, mostly to avoid the worsening traffic and parking situation in Honolulu. Cyclists and motorists are equally entitled to use the road, yet cyclists are inherently more vulnerable which is something that I think drivers with no experience of cycling can sometimes forget. For example, I have been clipped on the elbow by the wing mirror of a passing car, my elbow was broken while the car and driver were completely unaffected. It is the equivalent of hitting an egg and a bocce ball together – the egg is so obviously more likely to come off worse. The three-foot passing distance will also allow a buffer for the more unpredictable behavior of cyclists. For instance in these past weeks it has been really windy and I have been pushed by a strong gust out of the bike lane into the road, which can be scary for cyclists and motorists alike. I do also drive and I have found at times that it can be difficult to judge when it is safe to pass a cyclist on the road, weighing up whether there is or isn't enough space. Therefore as a motorist and a cyclist, I am strongly in support of bill SB 238, as it will allow clarity in the rules of behavior of how motorists should interact with cyclists, for increased safety of the more vulnerable road user.

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David Kingdon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Across the United States, these types of statutes are well-established. They have been proven perfectly enforceable. Even more importantly, this type of legislation will result in improved social norms, giving the "drive aloha" ethos a practical application. Drivers will be educated and held accountable for waiting to pass a cyclist until it is safe to do so, not just for the cyclist(s) but also for drivers in both directions. This will all lead to much greater safety for all users of the roadways.

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Aida Arik	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou. I call on the legislature to pass SB238 as an effort to keep all users of the road safe. Often when I am biking on a road without a bike lane, I feel most at risk with car drivers that do not know what to do with a bicycle on the road. The 3-foot rule gives drivers a concrete method to share the road and encourage safety. The bill is in the spirit of riding with Aloha.

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

Comments: Great bill to encourage more people to bike and feel safer doing so. Creates a better understanding for vehicle & bike overtaking situations. Pete Kirk

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Judith White	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a cyclist and a motorist, I strongly support this bill and the safety it will create for both. Thank you.

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Monica Kirk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good bill to promote bike safety.

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John Ferguson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I bicycle on Kauai for exercise and relaxation. Our roads are not bicycle user friendly! Please pass this bill so we as cyclists can feel a bit more safe on our roads! Thank you.

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Angela Ledington-Fischer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I ride on the Road at least 3-4 times weekly. This is one of the smartest bills to have pass as some people think they can "squeeze" by a rider and it's very dangerous. Please pass this bill for ALL roads in Kauai!!!

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February 4, 2017

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
and members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy  
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI

Dear Senators Inouye and Nishihara and members of the Committees:

Subject: SB 238 (relating to motor vehicles – safe passing of bicyclists)

I encourage your support of SB238, for all the reasons stated in Section 1 of the bill. I am a regular bicyclist and can cite numerous instances of close calls, including being grazed by the protruding side view mirror of a truck going 35 mph on Farrington Highway between Waipahu and Kapolei.

Many people have told me they do not ride a bicycle because they believe it is too dangerous. We should encourage more people to ride – for their personal health, to ease vehicular road traffic and parking congestion, and to reduce fossil fuel consumption. Enacting this bill would be a help!

Mahalo for your consideration.

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**Testimony in Support of SB238**

February 4, 2017

Honorable Chairs, Vice Chairs, and members of TRE/PSM Committees:

I am a 36 year resident of the Big Island, a naturopathic physician, and a triathlete.

In the last 30 years, I have personally known nine cyclists who have been struck and killed by motorists on the roadways of West Hawaii. These tragedies left children and other loved ones forever without their fathers and husbands.. For many years I did not ride a bicycle as I did not wish to risk my life while raising my son. About 7 years ago I started cycling and discovered first hand how dangerous cycling on our roads can be.

I have experienced beer bottles thrown at me by vehicles while passing me.

I have experienced vehicles passing other vehicles on the Queen Kaahumanu Highway traveling at speeds in excess of 65 mph crossing over into the shoulder I am cycling in and narrowly missing crashing into me head on.

I have experienced motorcyclists and 18 wheeler rigs crossing into the shoulder I am riding in, nearly forcing me off the shoulder into the lava fields.

I could go on about such dangers, but you get the picture.

Something must be done to ensure greater safety for the cyclists on our roads. This bill is a step in the right direction. I urge you also to consider amending the bill to include mopeds and to protect runners as well as cyclists.

“How many deaths will it take til they know, that too many people have died.....”

Sincerely,



Michael Traub, ND



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Alan Warwick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As with any many types of incidents on the road, an extra second of time or foot of distance can mean the difference between a close call or a fatality. In the case of a vehicle and a bicycle, the bicycle riding will always be the one who loses. Requiring at least 3 feet of space when passing will provide extra time and space to bicycle riders and thus will save lives and prevent very serious injuries. Although there are a number of bicycle riders who are recreational riders and ride for fun and exercise, there are many riders who ride because they cannot afford a car and bus service is not feasible. These latter people are most at risk since they cannot avoid using the busy roads when getting to work, school, shopping, etc. Please pass this bill and help keep bicycle riders safe.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Monique Weisman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill to increase the safety of cyclists on our streets. This will help educate drivers about a safe distance to pass cyclists who share the road with them. Mahalo!

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Jeffrey Dillard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Many Motorists do not understand bike riding. They think they can pass us as if we were a parked car. But what if something happened and we had to swerve? We would be hit! On a daily basis when I ride in Mililani On and off bike paths (usually off) the problem arises on two lane residential roads and on coming car is approaching and the car passing me squeezes through as if I am a parked car. Very unsafe. And very scary. I use three mirrors to watch the traffic behind me. I should be concentrating on the road in front of me!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Philipp LaHaela Walter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha committee members, As a daily bicycle commuter from the Ala Wai to my office I learned to highly appreciate the safety and comfort which the bike lane on King St provides. However, parts of my commute are not protected through such a bike lanes and almost every day I find myself in dangerous situations due to the unawareness or carelessness of drivers. "Safe Passing Bill" SB238 would codify the distance a driver needs to keep to a bicyclist while passing to ensure the safety for all parties. Unfortunately, bike lanes like on King St are all too limited in the state and drivers and bicyclists have to share the road side by side most of the time. As a young father and as a strong supporter of fossil fuel-free transportation (a goal of the Aloha+ Challenge) I am calling on you to support the protection of Hawaii's bicyclists by voting in favor of this bill. Respectfully, Philipp LaHaela Walter

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Dear Representative and Senator Thielen,

My wife and I are avid bike riders. She rides her bicycle every morning to work from Kailua to Waimanalo. Parts of her ride in Waimanalo there is no shoulder on the road at all. And it has been made worse for months, as the construction as eliminated a shoulder where there used to be one. It is disappointing that in this Aloha State that too frequently car and truck drivers act like bicyclists have no right to be on the road. I fervently hope you will not only pass SB 238, but also encourage the police to avidly enforce this new law. The lives you save may be ours.

Sincerely, Steven P. Katz  
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Andrea Blackwell

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A mere three weeks ago I was hit by a four door truck while biking on King Street in the bike lane. I am always very cautious on King Street because that bike lane is poorly planned and terribly organized. Having a bike lane set up like this gives the feeling of security when in actuality the lane makes biking more dangerous because cars are not looking for you. Because of this set up I am constantly slowing down at intersections, making sure that cars see me and aren't going to turn, even though I have the right of way. Even with all this defensive driving a car pulled hastily into a parking lot. The driver did not see me because the parked cars and the setting sun blocked his view. I also believe he wasn't looking carefully enough for me and was turning so quickly that it was impossible for me to slow down in time. My bike received most of the damages and fortunately I only had a few bruises and an injured ankle- I always ensure to wear a helmet. I still ride in fear that someone will pull out suddenly in front of me or not stop with an adequate amount of time, but biking is my sole form of transportation so what option do I have?

I have heard these types of stories from almost every person I know who cycles in Honolulu for an extended period of time. Many of my friends have been hit numerous times. I know that sometimes cyclists are careless, sometimes they run red lights or disregard traffic laws; I witness these things often in my commute. Even though there are cyclists who are more careful we have to set up rules that will protect those who do follow the laws. I commute to and from work and fortunately most of the way I have bike lanes. Sadly, cars are constantly rushing by and are not aware of the injury they could cause by startling a biker when driving by. I believe that laws and awareness like this is necessary for drivers in Honolulu. Traffic is terrible and the weather permits a perfect climate for commuting by bicycle. If we created a safer, friendlier and more aware community to cyclists then we could reduce our pollution, reduce our traffic and help keep everyone safe.

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

Comments: Pass this law! There is no reason not to do this! I love bicycling to work, school, shopping, errands, friends- all of the above. Unfortunately, many areas are not yet equipped with bicycle lanes (please support those too! They are the best option to keep everyone safe and moving!)- and sometimes we are forced into areas where the cars really need to help us out. I have been passed by a car so close that they have nearly hit me with their mirror- and it's terrifying! I know many people who would like to bicycle, but don't feel safe. This law would increase awareness and safety for all. Please help make Honolulu a safer city! Mahalo!

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Travis Counsell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii is behind the times. 36 other states plus Washington D.C. have safe passing laws in place. Hawaii has many very narrow roads, often without a shoulder or bike lane. A safe passing law would require drivers to give at least 3 feet while passing cyclists, and also provide a powerful educational tool; Signs that read "3 feet, it's the law", drivers education instructors teaching their students, other PSAs. Enforcement is certainly possible and other police departments have shown it to be effective. This is a very logical and much needed law. Please support this bill.

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Chelsie Counsell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Safe Passing 3 Feet law will make our roads safer for cyclists and for all road users by setting a clear minimum safe passing distance. This will directly address one of the biggest hazards to people who bicycle (44% of all cyclist fatalities result from being struck from behind or sideswiped). While no driver wants to hit a cyclist, it certainly seems that many don't understand how much distance is required to safely pass a cyclist. The Safe Passing bill will make it clear to all drivers that 3 feet is the minimum safe passing distance. I strongly encourage Hawaii to join the other 36 states that already have safe passing laws.

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John Flanagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a frequent, 70-year-old cyclist, I am well aware of the dearth of infrastructure on Hawaii roads and highways such as bicycle paths or even striped shoulder lanes. Despite Hawaii's climate being arguably the best in the world for bicycling and the many health and economic benefits of using a bicycle rather than a motor vehicle, few people do. The reason, people tell me, is that "it is too dangerous." This bill will make cycling safer. It will also heighten public awareness of cyclists' right to use the roads and enforce the space they need to do so safely.

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Jason	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Every state should have a safe passing law to keep everyone safe on roadways. I commute to work 16 miles one way via bike to avoid gridlock traffic and to get exercise. Most cars give me enough room, but some cars don't feel the need to and pass as if I'm supposed to get out of their way. Driving everywhere is no longer a feasible solution for transportation as there aren't enough roads or parking spots for popular destinations. But people will be hesitant to adopt alternative forms of transportation if they don't feel it's safe to do so.

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Jeffrey Gaskell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support safer passing distances between bicycles and motor vehicles.

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RC Blake	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thirty six states and Washington DC have a Safe Passing law (source). Police, cities, states, and nonprofits are using signage, enforcement and awareness campaigns to make their Safe Passing laws make their streets safer. Let make Hawaii number thirty seven

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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On December 3rd, 2016 I was hit by a flatbed truck from behind while riding my bicycle on the road. I was riding on the roadway on a sunny clear day. The truck passed too close and hit me, sending me flying through the air which resulted in life altering injuries.

I fully support SB238.

Road signs noting 3 feet rule must be visible to drivers to educate them about the new law.

Mahalo!

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Patricia M Mayer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Family Physician and biker, I am disappointed in the lack of safe biking initiatives in Hawaii. I support this bill so Hawaii can move closer to the National standard of "Sharing the Road." I encourage my patients to be active yet discourage them from biking on the roads. It is too unsafe. Making Blue Zones likely requires legislative measures for support. Safe Biking Distance is a way to start. Thank you, Dr. Patricia Mayer

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Aloha - my name is Andrew Dunne, and I am a resident of Kula, Hawaii.

I have been cycling in Hawaii for 27 years, and have ridden extensively on Maui, Oahu, the Big Island and Lanai. In that time I have witnessed thousands of cars pass dangerously close to bicycles and pedestrians who were using the roads or shoulders in a legal and safe fashion. I have personally been intentionally run off the road five separate times, and unintentionally many more. Every single cyclist I know in the islands has had incidents with motor vehicles passing too closely when the cyclist was riding in a law-abiding manner. Unfortunately, several times these incidents resulted in the serious injury or death of a cyclist that I know.

I have also had the pleasure of riding in several states and countries that have *and enforce* a Safe Passing Law requiring three to five feet of distance between a passing motor vehicle and a cyclist, and the difference in the behavior of drivers is astounding. Most drivers pass safely, allow cyclists and pedestrians to co-exist with them on the roads, and there are far fewer cases of intentional harassment or assault.

I strongly urge the state to adopt a minimum passing distance of at least three feet and to work with the police departments, the state and county DOTs and DMVs, and the Hawaii Bicycling League to help them enforce the laws and educate drivers, cyclists, and other road users about their responsibilities.

Three feet of Aloha should be the law!

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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John Andrews	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am surprised that this is not already a law in Hawaii. Drivers need to understand there is a necessary margin of safety and they should not pass until they can pass with a minimum of three feet. I cycle on the road over a thousand miles per year on Maui. The roads are often narrow, with little shoulder and I ride as far to the right as I safely can. I have every right to be out there on my bike and it does not seem like too much to ask that drivers maintain that three foot distance. Believe me, three feet does not feel like much when two tons of steel goes by at 40 mph. mahalo, John Andrews, Maui

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Mark Kaplan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a licensed bicycle instructor who appreciates my life on the road while I ride my bicycle. A 3ft distance between a motorist and myself is the least the state of Hawaii can do to reduce the many injuries that occur when a car is too close to a bicycle rider. If we the people want to protect we the people it is imperative that a bill of this nature is supported by the legislature. What is being asked here requires a minimal effort by the state with a huge impact on children, adult and senior bicycle riders. I thank you in advance for your support.

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Senate Committees on Transportation and Energy and  
Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military affairs  
Monday, February 6, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

By

Carl Clapp

SB 238 – RELATING TO SAFE PASSING ZONE

Chairs Inouye and Nishihara, Vice Chairs DeLa Cruz and Wakai and members of the Committees:

I use our roads to bicycle between 20 and 30 miles a day commuting both to and from work and riding recreationally on weekends. I am writing to express my strong support for SB 238 that specifies the minimum safe distance for a motor vehicle to overtake a bicycle.

As an avid cyclist, I regularly ride as far to the right of the roadway as possible. Bike lanes make this easy. Sharrow lanes enhance safety for cyclists. Many roads in the state do not provide either bike or sharrow lanes. At times, careless drivers come way to close to cyclists when overtaking them.

This bill will enhance safety for cyclists in our State and raise additional awareness that motor vehicle drivers and cyclists need to share the road in the interest of everyone's safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

February 5, 2017

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, Transportation and Energy  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair, Transportation and Energy  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Aloha members of the Transportation and Energy and the Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs committees

Re: SB 238 – allowing 3 Feet for Safer Streets  
Room 225  
February 6, 2017  
3:00 pm

I am encouraging your support for SB 238 to allow a 3-foot buffer between motor vehicles and bicyclists.

As a lifelong bicyclist, and after being sent to the hospital twice by motorists who hit me from behind, I can testify to the safety need for this bill. I'll spare you the scary details and stories about the months of amnesia.

I hope that you share a vision of a bicycle friendly Hawai'i. Creating a safe environment for bicyclists helps create a healthier population, a human-friendly environment (rather than car-oriented), and allows a more socio-economic form of transportation to thrive.

Please vote AYE on SB 238!

Ann C. Peterson



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Siddartha Savara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: While the intent of this bill is good, it is impractical and will not be enforceable. Given the width of roads, varying widths of bicycles and varying widths of cars this means that there will be roads where passing will be impossible. Further this does not take into account that cyclist may choose to ride far from the curb, again making it impossible to pass. I question also the premise that a responsible driver passing a cyclist too close is what causes accidents. It is clear that many accidents are caused by distracted drivers and yet every day on my commute I see people looking at their phones - including drivers in both automobiles and cyclists. Perhaps we should look to enforcing existing rules first, and review unsafe areas such as the difficult to navigate driveways on the king street bike lane, before causing additional difficulties for drivers with these proposed rules.

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Miyako	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This is important!

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Shannon McHenry	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Safe passing distance is a simple and effortless way to make cyclist safe. I would love for my teenagers to feel safe while commuting on a bike to jobs, activities and friends houses. The bill would also bring a general understanding to people who have no idea of how scary it is to have a vehicle come close enough to you that one wrong move ( or while swerving trying to avoid something on the side of the road) could end your life. Cycling is a beautiful healthy activity and should be safe! Mahalo, Shannon Mchenry.

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Ralph Heath	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Two days ago on Alii Drive a boat came within one foot of me. Far to close. The three foot rules leaves a much needed buffer between the automobile and the driver. Please pass this legislation as it will help save lives. Ralph Heath

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michael mcclinton	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am a frequent visitor to the Hawaiian Islands and try to bicycle three days per week when I am here. The varied terrain and topography make Hawaii a wonderful place to bicycle. I bicylce in other states of the continental US as well, especially Washington state and Maryland. I share the concern with most other cyclists about being struck by an automobile. Those two states have the 3 ft distance vehicles must maintain from cyclists. This measure is quite helpful in protecting we cyclists and I wholeheartedly support its passage in Hawaii.

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Derinda Cantrell	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The Safe Passing 3 Feet law will make our roads safer for cycling (and for all road users) by setting a clear minimum safe passing distance. This will directly address one of the biggest hazards to people who bicycle.

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Robyn Scarth	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, I am a resident of Kamuela, Hawaii. This bill is important to me because my daughter and I bike to school. Mornings in Kamuela/Waimea can be quite busy and we are definitely in the minority riding bikes in town. All bills that support bicyclists on our roads help to make our community safer and encourage others to bike, rather than drive. Because we live in a year-round biking climate, we should do all we can to support and protect those who ride bikes. Thank you, Robyn Scarth 67-1294  
Laikealoha Street Kamuela, HI 96743

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Elizabeth Keller	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I was passed by a car on Hana Highway so closely that i veered off the road, crashed, hurt my knee, bent the front fork of my bike, couldnt reach my cycling partner to let him know what happened for lack of phone signal. Good Samaritans stopped and even gave me the license number of truck that almost killed me. I filed a report though I doubt if anything happened. This is a law the cyclists need badly

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