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**To:** Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair, Senate Committee on Way & Means; Vice Chair Donovan Dela Cruz; and members of the Committee

**From:** Arkie Koehl, Chair, Public Policy Committee, MADD Hawaii

**Re:** Senate Bill 367 — Relating to Highway Safety

I am Arkie Koehl, offering testimony on behalf of the members of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii in support of Senate Bill 367, which calls for significant increases in fines for driving without a license which was revoked for OVUII.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that between 50 and 75 percent of drivers whose licenses have been revoked for DUI continue to drive anyway. We see no reason why this estimate would differ for Hawaii. Such offenders obviously constitute a particularly high safety risk to our residents and visitors.

The threat of larger fines should help deter this illegal practice. It should be mentioned that NHTSA and MADD also recognize that vehicle sanctions, such as impoundment, are also effective deterrents, and the Committee may wish to consider this additional sanction at some point in the future.

We urge passage of SB 367.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.