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March 18, 2019  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Room 225

**H.B 757, H.D.1**  
**RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.**

House Committee on Transportation  
Committee on Public Safety Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

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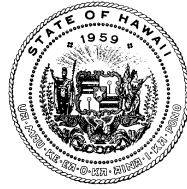
The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of H.B. 757 H.D.1.

DOT, and our partners, lead the development of Hawaii's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The plan was a collaboration that involved traffic safety, public safety and public health experts from government, the private sector and community groups statewide. The strategies were developed through meetings of a broad group of stakeholders consisting of more than 150 representatives of local, state, federal and community organizations.

As with Vision Zero, the Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan has the vision that all Hawaii's road users arrive safely at their destinations.

DOT strongly believes that a strong multifaceted approach using legislation, enforcement and education is what is necessary to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries that are occurring on our State's roads. Furthermore, strong community and legislative support, in addition to establishing stronger laws, will result in the reduction of motor vehicle fatalities and injuries.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB757 HD1  
Relating to Transportation**

SENATOR LORRAINE R. INOUE, CHAIR  
SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: 3/18/2019 1:00 PM

Room Number: 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health (DOH) defers to the Department of  
2 Transportation (DOT) regarding the implementation and fiscal impacts of this bill, and to the  
3 priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget Request.

4 **Department Testimony:** HB757 HD1 requires the Department of Transportation to adopt a  
5 Vision Zero policy to eliminate all traffic fatalities in Hawaii. This measure proposes a working  
6 group, which would be responsible for developing an action plan, including a combination of  
7 engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency response strategies. The Vision Zero policy  
8 differs from previous approaches to traffic safety efforts by emphasizing strategies that will  
9 benefit the vulnerable and underserved populations.<sup>1</sup>

10 The DOH stands ready to participate on the Vision Zero working group and will collaborate with  
11 the Department of Transportation, other key state and county agencies, and community  
12 organizations towards the goal of eliminating serious injuries and traffic fatalities.

13 Over 40 cities across the US have become vision zero cities. According to the National Highway  
14 Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2016 Hawaii ranked 5<sup>th</sup> worst in the nation for

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<sup>1</sup> Vision Zero Network: <https://visionzeronetwork.org/how-does-vision-zero-differ-from-the-traditional-approach-to-traffic-safety/>

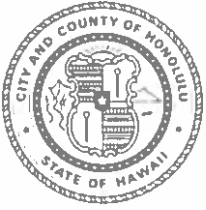
1 speed-related traffic fatalities. During the last decade, Hawaii has been above the national  
2 average for alcohol impaired driving fatalities. HB757 HD1 provides a mechanism for state  
3 agencies and the legislature to support data-driven solutions to help reverse this trend.<sup>2</sup>

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

5 **Offered Amendments:** None

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<sup>2</sup> NHTSA Speed Visualization Data 2016: [https://icsw.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/fars/speeding\\_data\\_visualization/](https://icsw.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/fars/speeding_data_visualization/)



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House Bill 757 HD1  
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation (TRS):

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs (PSM):

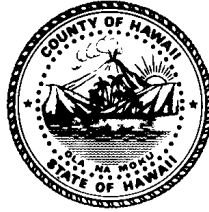
I am testifying in support of House Bill 757 HD1. I am submitting this testimony not on behalf of the Honolulu City Council, but as an individual Councilmember.

Vision Zero, also known as Target Zero in some states, is a movement that seeks to prevent and ultimately eliminate all traffic-related fatalities. The Vision Zero approach recognizes that drivers make mistakes so communities should implement policies and design roads that slow down vehicles in order to give people walking and biking safe alternatives and to reduce the chance that a human mistake leads to a fatality. The National Complete Streets Coalition endorses a Vision Zero approach in pursuit of the objective to design streets that prevent traffic injuries and fatalities, particularly for the most vulnerable road users.

State and City government need to be proactive in addressing the alarming increase in pedestrian accidents and fatalities. For example, the number of pedestrian fatalities increased 180 percent statewide from 2017 to 2018. It's a growing problem and there is no panacea. Government needs to implement a multifaceted approach that involves a range of solutions including increased penalties for those who violate pedestrian safety laws and a stakeholders task force working toward solutions.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Transportation

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Dear Chairs Inouye and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Wakai, and Committee Members:

**RE: HB 757, HD1 Relating to Transportation (Vision Zero)**

Hawai'i County is in support of Vision Zero, and has already had a proclamation signing endorsing the concept.

We will look forward to participating in whatever Task Force or working group is established.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim  
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TO: Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

FROM: Yuki Lei Sugimura  
Councilmember

DATE: March 18, 2019

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 757 H.D. 1, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to require DOT and county transportation departments to adopt Vision Zero policies to prevent and eliminate traffic fatalities. It also establishes and funds a temporary working group in DOT to review traffic policies and recommendations to prevent traffic fatalities, develop an action plan, and report to the Legislature.

As Chair of the Maui County Council's Multimodal Transportation committee, I support efforts to prevent traffic fatalities and injuries by taking preventative measures that prioritize traffic safety. Two principles of Vision Zero help further this goal:

1. Vision Zero recognizes that people will sometimes make mistakes, so roadways and traffic policies should be designed to ensure those inevitable mistakes do not result in severe injuries or fatalities.
2. Vision Zero acknowledges that many factors contribute to safe mobility – including roadway design, speeds, behaviors, technology, and policies – and sets clear goals to achieve the shared goal of zero fatalities and severe injuries.

I support HB757 to help promote and improve pedestrian safety and mobility for all residents.

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TO: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs

FROM: Kelly T. King  
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 18, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE  
INTENT OF HB 757, HD1, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of the intent** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to require the State Department of Transportation and county transportation departments to adopt "Vision Zero" policies to prevent and eliminate traffic fatalities.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support the intent of this measure for the following reasons:

1. According to the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization, an average of 18 lives are lost every year in traffic accidents on Maui. Any number of traffic fatalities is unacceptable, and we should strive to bring the number down to zero statewide.
2. Local efforts to reduce traffic fatalities are underway and would be enhanced by this measure. Former Mayor Arakawa made a Vision Zero proclamation in September 2018 to bring traffic fatalities in Maui County to zero by 2040. The Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization will host a series of "Vision Zero Activation" events this year to highlight solutions like roundabouts, crosswalks, and education and enforcement programs to enhance traffic safety.
3. Financial support will be needed for the infrastructure and enforcement necessary to eliminate traffic fatalities. I request that the Legislature consider providing funding for Vision Zero initiatives with the counties to help us accomplish our traffic-safety goals.

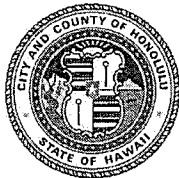
For the foregoing reasons, I **support the intent** of this measure.

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March 18, 2019

The Honorable Lorraine Inouye  
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The Honorable Clarence Nishihara  
and Members of the Senate  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
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Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committees:

**SUBJECT: Testimony on House Bill 757 - Relating to Transportation**

The Department of Transportation Services supports the intent of this measure and recommends an amendment.

Vision Zero is a priority of the City and County of Honolulu. It is a proven approach to prevent and ultimately eliminate traffic fatalities in Hawaii. Vision Zero relies on data-driven strategies and places urgency and accountability on system designers and policymakers.

Our department is already implementing Vision Zero strategies through its Complete Streets Program and proposes a Vision Zero Action Plan to the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization to identify high crash locations, prioritize projects, and develop educational materials. The City Council has also adopted Resolution 18-219, *Urging the City Administration to Adopt the Goals, Strategies, and Policies of Vision Zero*.

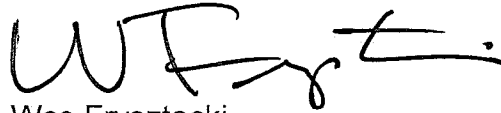
We support the mandated adoption of the Vision Zero policy by the State and counties; however, given the context-specific nature of successful Vision Zero plans, we request your consideration of an amendment to allow for individual action plans and working groups for each jurisdiction, to be driven by the respective jurisdiction.



The Honorable Lorraine Inouye  
The Honorable Clarence Nishihara  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony and for your consideration of our proposed amendment

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Frysztacki', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Wes Frysztacki  
Director



March 18, 2019

RE: Support **HB757 HD1** Relating to Transportation

Chairs Inouye & Nishihara, Vice-Chairs Harimoto & Wakai and Members of the Committees:

Mahalo for hearing this measure that calls for better ways to address the tragic deaths on our state and local roads. We support HB 757 HD1.

Brought to Hawaii by HMSA, Blue Zones Project helps increase the overall well-being of our communities to make Hawaii a healthier, happier place to live, work, and play. To accomplish that goal, we address ways to lower obesity rates, tobacco use, and chronic diseases.

At Blue Zones, we try to increase opportunities for people to move naturally throughout their day. Currently, our shared public right of ways discourage natural movement. In 2018, 43 pedestrians were killed compared to 38 motorists, and in total road deaths, 117 people were killed. There needs to be a radical, comprehensive, systematic approach to addressing safety on our roads. By working together, we can increase the safety for all road users. Vision Zero is not just a plan or a policy, it is a wholistic approach to safety by using data, street design, driver education, and pedestrian awareness.

Tragically, three individuals were killed in a horrific crash on Monday evening. Although it happened all at once, this scene is not unfamiliar. Again and again people are killed on our roadways. A single death causes great loss and sorrow to family, friends, and our community. Speeding, distracted driving, and intoxication are all major contributors to these deaths.

Vision Zero, a strategy to eliminate traffic fatalities, originated in Sweden in 1997, when it was adopted as the official road policy founded on the core belief that loss of life was not an acceptable price to pay for mobility. In the United States, large and small cities from coast to coast have been recognized as Vision Zero Communities by the Vision Zero Network. By implementing a variety of strategies many lives have been saved. In 2017, through adoption of Vision Zero, both San Francisco and New York City have seen the lowest traffic related fatalities since record keeping began in the early 1900s.

Vision Zero approach identifies the places where the highest incidences of fatalities occur, and then utilizes polices and best practices to systematically address the deadly situations. Our roadways need to be made safe for our most vulnerable users.

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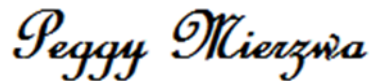
Currently, Maui County, City and County of Honolulu, and the County of Hawaii have formally committed, through resolution or proclamation, to the process of bringing Vision Zero to their counties. Kauai recently passed their street design manual into law, which calls for “safer streets for all”. This county work is to ensure the safety of all the road users by taking into consideration people with all physical abilities. Working to implement their Complete Streets Plans, creating Vision Zero implementation plans, collecting data, collaborating on ideas, and reaching out to the Vision Zero Network for best practices and support are all ways to amplify safety.

This bill requires a collaborative effort with county, state, and other involved groups. It is important to have strong working collaborations with the state department of transportation, county transportation entities, highly invested groups such as law enforcement and AARP, as well as other community groups like PATH.

We believe that the time has come to more effectively address this major issue. Many people have been working together to achieve a safer community. This measure will help coordinate the efforts.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of HB757 HD1.

Sincerely,



Peggy Mierzwa  
Statewide Policy Lead—Hawaii Blue Zones Project

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**HB-757-HD-1**

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Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tommy Noyes	Testifying for Kauai Path, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation & the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs,

Roadway violence is preventable, as demonstrated by communities where officials and residents have implemented proven countermeasures. Hawaii has a shameful record of deaths on our streets. In 2018 for the first time there were more pedestrians killed by motor vehicles than fatalities among motor vehicle occupants (Hawaii News Now, January 3, 2019), and our kupuna are needlessly at risk for their safety and their lives on our streets.

We can and must do better.

Please advance House Bill 757 HD1 intact so that together we can begin to reverse this preventable and deplorable travesty systematically with appropriate funding and resolute political will.

Mahalo, Tommy Noyes, Executive Director, Kauai Path, Inc.



Subject: Support HB757 HD-1

Dear Chair Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair Clarence K. Nishihara, members of both the Senate Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs,

My name is Kari Benes and I am the Chair of the Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The Strategic Highway Safety Plan Core Committee has identified “Vision Zero policies and goals” as a priority for 2019.

Recent analysis by FARS ranks Hawaii as the 5<sup>th</sup> worst in the nation for speed-related driving fatalities.<sup>1</sup> In addition, 2008-2017 FARS data reveals Hawaii as being above the national average for alcohol-impaired driving fatalities for the entire decade. We currently rank the 5<sup>th</sup> worst in the nation for the percentage of alcohol-impaired driving fatalities.<sup>2</sup> We applaud the legislature for the desire to reverse this trend and work towards eliminating deaths on our roadways.

HB757 HD-1 differs from traditional transportation working groups, because it provides a mechanism for the working group to report back to the legislature. This measure places emphasis on the two leading factors in roadway deaths in Hawaii, speed and impairment.

As outlined in HB757 HD-1, a vision zero approach analyzes information from a system that fails. This approach sounds negative, but by examining deeper data about crashes, system loopholes and human errors we can identify engineering, education, enforcement, emergency response, and equitable solutions within our transportation networks.<sup>3</sup>

The Strategic Highway Safety Plan Core Committee has examined best practices from three different “zero focused” initiatives which included Vision Zero, Towards Zero Deaths, and

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<sup>1</sup> [https://icsw.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/fars/speeding\\_data\\_visualization/](https://icsw.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/fars/speeding_data_visualization/)

<sup>2</sup> <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812630>

<sup>3</sup> <https://visionzeronetwork.org/how-does-vision-zero-differ-from-the-traditional-approach-to-traffic-safety/>

Road to Zero. The Strategic Highway Safety Plan has and will continue to incorporate applicable processes, programmatic strategies and implementation methods from each of the different initiatives. Because the Strategic Highway Safety Plan is a requirement of each state DOT by FHWA, partners and listed representatives from the Strategic Highway Safety Plan and the State Highway Safety Council identified that the **State Highway Safety Council** would be an appropriate body to fulfill duties listed in HB757 HD-1.

The Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan's vision is that all of Hawaii's road users arrive safely at their destinations. You can help us achieve our goal of reducing yearly fatalities, by supporting this measure.

To view the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, go to [www.hawaiiishsp.com](http://www.hawaiiishsp.com)

#### Strategic Highway Safety Plan Mission

*Save lives and reduce injuries on Hawaii's roadways through strategic partnerships and implementation of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.*

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**Testimony Supporting HB757**

Aloha Chairs Inouye and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Wakai, and esteemed members of the Committees on Transportation and on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

Hawaii Bicycling League **strongly supports House Bill 757 HD1**, which requires the state Department of Transportation and county transportation departments to adopt a Vision Zero policy of the State and it establishes a task force to create recommendations for implementation.

One-hundred and seventeen people died on Hawaii's streets in 2018. This was part of an ongoing epidemic of traffic violence. In 2017, 106 people died and in 2015 120 people died. Every one of these deaths is a preventable tragedy. This is, in the clearest of terms, a crisis facing our community. We deserve safety and we need bold action to stop traffic deaths and serious injuries.

Vision Zero is a bold policy declaration that we will not accept traffic deaths and that we can and must act to stop traffic deaths. The bold statement of Vision Zero must be backed by equally bold actions – dedicating resources to better understanding where and how traffic deaths and serious injuries are occurring, developing clear and specific plans for engineering, enforcement, and education actions, and most importantly, the resources to implement with the speed and urgency knowing that lives depend on it.

Thank you for your work on HB757 to advance Vision Zero. We urge that Section 2 of the bill be amended to include the county police departments and all departments that have a role in implementing engineering, enforcement, and education solutions to make our streets safe for all with language such as "The department of transportation, the county transportation departments, county police departments, and all departments that have a role in implementing engineering, enforcement, and education solutions shall adopt a vision zero policy that seeks to prevent and ultimately eliminate all traffic fatalities through a combination of engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency response strategies that focus on equity."

Thank you very much for considering the comments of Hawaii Bicycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, [Daniel@hbl.org](mailto:Daniel@hbl.org)) or Chad Taniguchi (808-255-8271).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

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Daniel Alexander  
Co-Executive Director  
Hawaii Bicycling League

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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs; Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair;  
and members of the Committee

From: Carol McNamee and Arkie Koehl, Public Policy Committee - MADD Hawaii

Re: House Bill 757, HD1 – Relating to Transportation

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I am Carol McNamee, offering testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in support of House Bill 757, HD1 — “Vision Zero”.

Zero represents a potentially significant intensification of Hawaii’s desperately needed effort to confront our state’s poor record for impaired driving. To cite one recent example, the latest results from the annual fatalities report of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show Hawaii as the fifth worst state in percent of alcohol-related fatal traffic crashes.

MADD Hawaii is proud to have participated in, and in some cases initiated, impaired driving task forces, working groups, coalitions and other community efforts such as Vision Zero since our founding exactly 35 years ago. For instance, a MADD volunteer has served as chair of the Impaired Driving Emphasis Area of Hawaii’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan since its inception.

For these reasons, we are honored to be named to the task force to be created under HB 757. And we urge the Committee to pass out HB 757,HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





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Affairs Committee

Re: Support for HB757 HD1, Relating to Transportation

Hrg: March 18, 2019 at 1:00pm at Conference Room 225

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The Obesity Prevention Task Force of the Hawai'i Public Health Institute<sup>i</sup> is in **Support of HB757 HD1**, which creates a temporary working group to assess and develop a plan to adopt a vision zero policy for the state.

We applaud the legislature's commitment to creating safer, more livable streets with the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and reducing severe injuries. Injuries are not accidents – they are predictable and preventable. Vision Zero is a growing movement in cities across the nation that focuses on improving transportation systems and infrastructure for vehicle traffic as well as for people who walk, ride bicycles, and use other forms of transportation. Vision Zero is a bold vision that is not only possible, but necessary.

HIPHI convenes Healthy Eating, Active Living coalitions in each county. HIPHI supports all efforts to improve the built environment to make our roads safer and to encourage active transportation such as walking and biking. Vision Zero is a bold vision that is not only possible, but necessary and we urge the State legislature to join Hawaii county and Maui county in getting to zero deaths.

We support efforts to adopt the goals of Vision Zero to help promote and improve pedestrian safety and mobility for all residents, and ask to please pass HB757 HD1 out of committee.

Mahalo,



Trish La Chica, MPA  
Policy and Advocacy Director

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<sup>i</sup> Created by the legislature in 2012, the Obesity Prevention Task Force is comprised of over 60 statewide organizations, and works to make recommendations to reshape Hawai'i's school, work, community, and health care environments, making healthier lifestyles obtainable for all Hawai'i residents. The Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) convenes the Task Force and supports and promotes policy efforts to create a healthy Hawai'i.

Hawai'i Public Health Institute is a hub for building healthy communities, providing issue-based advocacy, education, and technical assistance through partnerships with government, academia, foundations, business, and community-based organizations.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Rogers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Support adopting a Vision Zero Policy!

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Submitted on: 3/14/2019 4:47:21 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laksmi M Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB757. In 2014, Karl Hagen was fatally struck while cycling on the shoulder of Pi'ilani Highway. This tragedy, along with other traffic accidents, has started a critical initiative to bring a national campaign – Vision Zero – to Maui County. This national collaborative campaign seeks to increase, safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

On September 15th of 2018, Blue Zones Project Central Maui hosted Maui's Vision Zero launch with a gathering in Kalama Park to celebrate the Mayor's Vision Zero proclamation, followed by a 5-mile memorial bike ride through Kihei led by Maui Bicycling League.

Blue Zones Project and Healthy Eating Active Living Coalition are partners in the Vision Zero Launch and ongoing advocacy. As a statewide partner in support of Vision Zero, we know it pays to invest in walking, biking and transit, which essentially equal more active, healthier communities. Vision Zero ensures our community will approach these efforts with safety as the priority. Streets that are safer for walking and biking help create healthier communities by encouraging people to use active transportation. Our commitment to Vision Zero has brought together elected leaders, engineers, police, and community members to move toward the goal of zero traffic fatalities on Maui by 2040.

Citizens, agencies, and elected officials all play important roles in promoting road safety. Vision Zero is based on the idea that traffic deaths are preventable through coordinated engineering, enforcement and education. Designing roads to slow vehicles down and give people walking and biking safe alternatives will reduce the chance that a human mistake leads to death.

Please support HB757. Mahalo for your consideration.

Laksmi Abraham, Maui, HI

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Submitted on: 3/14/2019 7:44:29 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisa Delfin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaimana Brummel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/15/2019 7:38:25 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ann Hayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kirstin Kahaloa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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Submitted on: 3/15/2019 7:51:57 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Teshima	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/15/2019 8:41:19 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Molly Mamaril	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/15/2019 8:53:37 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Molliane Gotter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/15/2019 11:57:58 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol R. Ignacio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strong support for this Bill. We got to save lives. Thanks for your support.

Carol R. ignacio

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carissa Holley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Franz Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hawai'i County already passed a resolution regarding Vision Zero. This is a necessary goal to set

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Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joy Loudermelt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB757. I do not drive and so commute mostly as a pedestrian. Furthermore, I'm disabled and use a power wheelchair (mobility scooter). I see many traffic safety issues daily. My concerns are as follows:

Drivers pulling into and blocking sidewalks & bike lanes

Drivers blocking crosswalks

Drivers turning right on red who only look at on coming traffic on their left and don't look to the pedestrians who might be on their right. This seems to be worse at channelized right turns.

Drivers turning left on green who don't look for pedestrians (who have the cross sign) going straight through.

And lastly, drivers who refuse to stop for pedestrians at marked crosswalks.

I understand that pedestrians aren't always in the right, but we aren't killing people.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sery Berhanu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I, Sery Berhanu, strongly support HB757. Unfortunately, in the past years several people have needlessly been injured or have lost their lives on our streets due to traffic accidents. These accidents can be prevented if we take a proactive approach that prioritizes traffic safety. HB757 is a great step forward to eliminate traffic deaths and injuries. Vision Zero will give everyone the right to move safely within our city and in our communities.

Thank you,

Sery Behanu



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeffrey Gaskell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support efforts to reduce vehicular speeding and creating more protections for people cycling and walking. I support seeing Vision Zero concepts implemented in Hawaii. We have beautiful weather that supports being outdoors. Let's do more to improve the safety of those who are out biking, jogging and walking.

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Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anthony Chang	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Inouye, Nishihara other members of the esteemed Senate Committees on Transportation and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

My name is Anthony Chang, Six years this ago my sister, Emelia Hung, who was 24 years old, was struck by a car and died not far from here. And I stand in strong support of this bill.

Hawaii has one of the highest pedestrian fatality rates in the U.S., with traffic collisions having the highest number of deaths, physical injury wise worldwide, and passing Vision Zero legislation is a step in the right direction. Over the years other transportation issues such as traffic flow have taken a higher priority over safety and those problems haventh gotten better whole people continue to die unnecessarily. In honor of my sister's memory, I'm currently a graduate student studying Hawaii at University of Hawaii, with a specific focus on walkability, sustainable transportation, and travel safety.

If you have further questions feel free to ask me or contact me anytime.

Anthony Chang  
1245 Maunakea St. #2310  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura Owen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**LATE**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Tipton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support the bill to implement Vision Zero to prioritize safety for all.

Regards,

Chris Tipton

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 3/17/2019 9:58:35 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2019 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daphne Manago	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB757 HD1. Let's work together to make streets safer for all pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

**LATE**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cyrus Howe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: