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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB757
Relating to Transportation

REPRESENTATIVE Henry J.C. Aquino,
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Hearing Date: 2/1/2019 10:00 AM Room Number: 423

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 requires the Department of Transportation to adopt a Vision
5 Zero policy to eliminate all traffic fatalities in Hawaii. This measure proposes a working group,
6 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.¹

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 5th worst in the nation for
15 speed-related traffic fatalities. During the last decade, Hawaii has been above the national

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

- 1 average for alcohol impaired driving fatalities. HB757 provides a mechanism for state agencies
- 2 and the legislature to support data-driven solutions to help reverse this trend.²
- 3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.
- 4 **Offered Amendments:** None

² NHTSA Speed Visualization Data 2016: https://icsw.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/fars/speeding_data_visualization/

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February 1, 2019
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 423

**H.B. 757
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent of H.B. 757**, but submits the following as its comments on said bill:

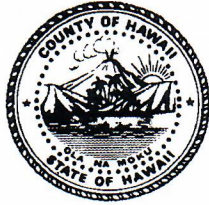
DOT, and our partners, lead the development of Hawaii's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The plan was a collaboration that involved traffic safety, public safety and public health experts from government, the private sector and community groups statewide. The strategies were developed through meetings 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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The Honorable Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
And members of the Committee on Transportation

January 30, 2019

Dear Chair Aquino and Committee Members,

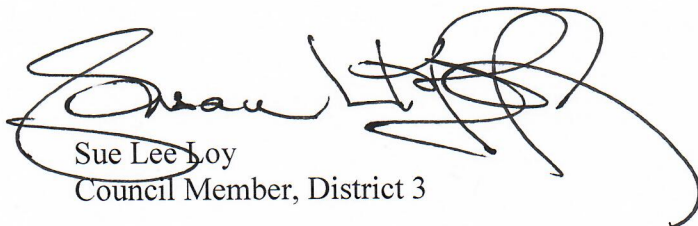
I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting the intent of HB 757, requiring the Department of Transportation and the counties to adopt a Vision Zero policy with the ultimate goal of preventing and eliminating all traffic fatalities.

In Hawai'i County, Mayor Harry Kim will be issuing a Vision Zero proclamation on February 1, and the Hawai'i County Council's Public Works and Mass Transit Committee will take up the attached Resolution No. 38-19 adopting the goals, policies, and strategies of Vision Zero on February 4, with possible Council approval at its February 20 meeting.

We do not have a single Hawai'i County "transportation department" as referenced in HB 757, and alternate language should be adopted to clarify who from Hawai'i County shall be appointed to the working group. In our local efforts, multiple county agencies and departments will be involved in ensuring the safety of our residents and visitors, among them Public Works, Planning, Fire, Police, Liquor Control, the Prosecuting Attorney, Mass Transit, Research and Development, Information Technology, and the Office of Aging.

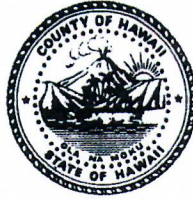
This has been a tragic week for pedestrians on Hawai'i roads. Any steps that the State and the Counties can take to reduce the number of future victims will be welcome.

Aloha Piha,



Sue Lee Loy
Council Member, District 3

Att: Resolution No. 38-19

RESOLUTION NO. 38 19**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND POLICIES OF VISION ZERO TO PREVENT TRAFFIC-RELATED FATALITIES AND INJURIES.**

WHEREAS, according to the State of Hawai‘i Department of Transportation, 32 people were killed in traffic-related incidents in Hawai‘i County in 2018, and seven of last year’s deaths were pedestrians or cyclists, compared to five pedestrian/cyclist deaths in 2017, representing a 40 percent increase in pedestrian/cyclists deaths; and

WHEREAS, the root causes of traffic collisions are often related to policies, systems and environments that can be improved upon with collective action and political will; and

WHEREAS, roadway infrastructure policy has a substantial impact on traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling on roadways; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a comprehensive strategy to eliminate all traffic deaths and severe injuries while promoting safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental message of Vision Zero is that all traffic deaths are preventable and unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, following the initial implementation of Vision Zero in Sweden in the 1990s, the death rate for motorists in Sweden has been cut in half since 2000, and pedestrian fatalities have also declined 50 percent since 2009; and

WHEREAS, major American cities including Los Angeles, New York City, Seattle, San Francisco, Portland, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Fort Lauderdale, and Washington, D.C., have adopted Vision Zero policies that focus on safety as a primary objective in designing transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 171-11, Draft 2, adopted on October 19, 2011, established a “Complete Streets” policy, in support of safe mobility for all roadway users in Hawai‘i County; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero in Hawai‘i County will be implemented through a proclamation from the Mayor, the adoption of its policies by the Council, and the establishment of a diverse task force comprising representatives from County departments and agencies, the State of Hawai‘i, and private nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Task Force will meet regularly to create a County of Hawai'i Vision Zero Plan, which among other things will prioritize data collection, traffic enforcement, pedestrian safety around schools, and the design and construction of safe roadways, shoulders, intersections, and pathways; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I that the goals, strategies, and policies of Vision Zero are adopted to prevent traffic-related fatalities and injuries.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Public Works, and the Director of Planning.

Dated at _____, Hawai'i, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

INTRODUCED BY:



 COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL
 County of Hawai'i
 Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on _____.

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

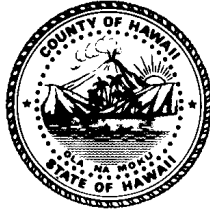
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RESOLUTION NO. **38 19**

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January 31, 2019

Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Committee on Transportation
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Committee Members:

Re: HB 757 Relating to Transportation (Vision Zero)
Hearing Date: 02/01/2019 – 10:00 am; House Conference Room 423

Hawai'i County is in support of Vision Zero, and in fact we will have a proclamation signing for Vision Zero about the same time you are having this hearing.

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

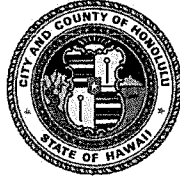
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February 1, 2019

The Honorable Henry Aquino
and Members of the House
Committee on Transportation
State Capitol, Room 423
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Testimony on House Bill 757 - Relating to Vision Zero

The Department of Transportation Services supports the intent of this measure, and recognizes Vision Zero as a proven approach to prevent and ultimately eliminate traffic fatalities in Hawaii. Vision Zero is a welcomed departure from the status quo because it relies on data-driven strategies and places urgency and accountability on system designers and policymakers.

Vision Zero is a priority of the City and County of Honolulu. 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Frysztacki".

Wes Frysztacki
Director

HB-757

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 8:28:02 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is already taking place with main stake holders. DOT, Prosecutor's Office (Statewide), Police Department- Traffic Sections (Statewide), Various citizen groups...etc.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2019 9:57:36 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Dohm	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

One death is one too many.

I fully support HB757 (Vision Zero).

I support all counties and the state department of transportation to adopt vision zero policies, develop action plans, and adequately fund activities. I support all items in Section 3 as written in the draft bill.

Hawaii needs to appropriate adequate funds so that people have funds to travel to meet at regular in-person meetings, develop and print materials, provide staff time for the department of transportation, and additional activities as needed (e.g., bring in external vision zero experts for assistance).

Safety over speed.

We need to prioritize safety over speed. Everyone deserves a safe street, whether you are walking, bicycling, using transit, or driving. Protecting lives and preventing injuries should be our most important goal.

I do not want to see another tragedy like the one we saw in Honolulu on Monday, January 28, 2019. Three people died at one intersection. They were all pedestrians. They were all innocent. They were simply waiting for the light to change so that they could walk in the marked crosswalk across the street to Ala Moana Park. In an instant, they were gone. This is NOT an accident. This is a crash.

This is traffic violence.

And all of us are affected.

I feel so much pain for those families who lost loved ones this week. I know that pain. I too have experienced the heart-wrenching pain of losing a family member in a traffic crash. That pain runs deep and it stays there just below the surface. It is always there. We cannot let this happen again. We need to do better.

Support saving lives and preventing injuries. Support Vision Zero.

We thank you.



February 1, 2019

RE: Support **HB757** Relating to Transportation

Chair Aquino, Vice-Chair Hashimoto and Members of the Transportation Committee:

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.

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 as of 9 AM this morning, 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.

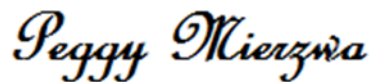
This bill requires a collaborative effort with county, state, and other involved groups. It is important to have strong working collaborations with the state department of transportation, county transportation entities, highly invested groups such as law enforcement and AARP, as well as other community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

We would request that The Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii should be included into the working group. They have done extensive work at the county level for Vision Zero but have also been influencers in advancing statewide conversations.

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.

Sincerely,



Peggy Mierzwa
Statewide Policy Lead—Hawaii Blue Zones Project

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January 30, 2019

RE: SUPPORT for HB757 relating to transportation

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the Transportation Committee:

Thank you taking time to read my testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB757, requesting the State of Hawai'i to adopt a Vision Zero policy.

As a public health professional that drives a car, bikes, and walks throughout urban Honolulu, I cannot stress how important it is that we prioritize street safety for the benefit of our entire community. I recently attended the vigil for the three pedestrian lives lost at the recent horrible crash in Kaka'ako, both to pay my respects and raise attention to the fact that we can do more to prevent such crashes. Through better street engineering, enforcement, education, evaluation, and policy changes, we can work across sectors to address this major issue, and I strongly believe Vision Zero provides an effective framework to do so.

Vision Zero is a collaborative, comprehensive road traffic safety program founded in Sweden that aims for zero traffic fatalities or serious injuries. Since its founding, Sweeden has become a leader in road safety and has seen traffic fatalities cut in half from 1996 to 2016. This multidisciplinary approach brings together local leaders in health, traffic engineering, and law enforcement to create policies and practices to improve the safety of travel.

Vision Zero has since been adopted by over 20 major U.S. cities since 2014, including New York City, San Francisco, Washington D.C., and Austin. After adopting Vision Zero, San Francisco benefited from a 41% reduction in pedestrian deaths from 2013 (a year before Vision Zero was implemented) to 2017, a year that the city recorded the lowest traffic fatalities since 1915. Since implementing Vision Zero in 2014, New York City has benefitted from four consecutive years of declining traffic fatalities, ending 2017 as the safest year on record with a 28% decline in traffic fatalities and a 45% decline in pedestrian deaths from 2013 (a year before Vision Zero was implemented) to 2017.

Again, I absolutely support polices that make places where people live, work and play healthier and happier, and encourage this committee to pass HB757. Street fatalities and serious injuries are preventable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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HB-757

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 1:08:44 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rob Haak	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this measure. I am an avid walker and cyclist. I have three children who also walk to/from school and use their bicycles. We need to make our commutes safer.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 1:22:08 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tommy Noyes	Kauai Path, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

Stong support for HB757

Aloha Members of the House Committee on Transportation.

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 motorvehicle 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 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.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 1:22:15 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Franz Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Vision Zero is a vision that aims to achieve zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries. Vision Zero must be backed up with purpose – intentional and prioritized engineering, enforcement, and education actions specifically focused on eliminated traffic deaths and injuries.

The vast majority of all fatal and non-fatal injuries in the United States, including traffic injuries, are not acts of fate but are predictable and preventable. Individual responsibility can prevent crashes.

Not even one fatality is acceptable. The County of Hawaii is passing a Vision Zero resolution

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 1:49:38 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dorothy M Sunio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I urge you to support this bill. We all need to work together to eliminate road crashes and senseless deaths that take our family and loved ones. This is a step in the right direction and in the process. A negative vote would send the message that you do NOT want to have safer roads and I doubt that is the reality

Dottie Sunio

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 2:10:42 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 2:12:09 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Kirk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a great idea to bring awareness and to change the attitude of “accidents just happen” it is not ok to think like this. People need to realize that cars if used carelessly can cause a great amount of damage.

Whenever a driver is in an accident they should have to go to a driver training class. People need to be aware of the responsibility they have every time they operate a car.

Please pass this bill and let people know it is important to be responsible every time you operate a car and the goal is to drive so accidents never happen, if they do we find out why and make sure lessons are learned and it does not happen again.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 2:19:17 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Simmons	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I am a user of roadways all over the state. Sometimes by car, sometimes by bike, sometimes on foot. I feel like the roadways need to be built to support multiple forms of transportation (wide enough lanes and shoulders, reasonably paved surfaces, etc). But the #1 thing that needs to be done is driver education. There needs to be a massive media campaign done to get people to *think* when they are behind the wheel of a car... to understand the potential consequences of unsafe or distracted driving. People tend to take driving for granted, as a right, which I dont think it really should be. Driving is a priviledge and it needs to be well earned. And once someone has proven that they are not taking other people's safety into concern while they are driving, they should lose their proviledges and only get them back once they have gone through some sort of education about how cyclists and pedestrians are also rightful users of our roadways and have every right to the road as anyone in a car. Drivers do not own the road. This is the point that everyone needs to understand.

Mahalo.

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Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carly Killam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The streets need to be a safe place for people to walk on. There needs to be stricter consequences for actions that can be deadly. This NEEDS to be a priority. There also needs to be stricter consequences or support for those who engage in illegal activities such as drug use. People under the influence are a danger to society and to themselves and can cause GREAT harm to anyone around them. We all should feel safe.

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Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Atcheson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Vision Zero is a promising approach in preventing traffic-related fatalities, beginning with a basic assumption that people will sometimes make mistakes and systems need to be designed and engineered to account for that. Vision Zero also emphasizes the important dimensions of enforcement and education. Passing this bill will promote collaboration between the state and the counties and also mutual support among other Vision Zero states and municipalities. We don't need any more examples to underscore the need to envision and pursue zero traffic-related fatalities on our roads. Thank you.

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Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Gaskell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support making our streets safer for people walking and bicycling by adopting measures that emphasize road safety over maximizing vehicle counts. If we all drove a little slower and designed our roadways to accommodate all users in a safe manner, we can all go where we want to go and do it without seeing so many unnecessary lives lost.

Vision Zero means we value human lives over saving a few minutes.



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Date: January 31, 2019

To: Representative Henry Aquino, Chair
Representative Troy Hashimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the Transportation Committee

Re: Support for HB757, Relating to Transportation

Hrg: February 1, 2019 at 10:00am at Conference Room 423

The Obesity Prevention Task Force of the Hawai'i Public Health Instituteⁱ is in **Support of HB757**, 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. We have supported the Complete Streets law passed by the legislature in 2009, and Bill 26 passed by the Honolulu City Council in 2012. HIPHI has been working with each of the county councils to support the goals of Vision Zero. On September 15th, Mayor Arakawa signed a proclamation to adopt the goals of Vision Zero and eliminate traffic deaths on Maui by 2040. We ask the legislature to consider including a representative from HIPHI to serve on the working group and to provide any support to help promote and improve pedestrian safety and mobility for all residents.

Mahalo,

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Trish La Chica, MPA
Policy and Advocacy Director

ⁱ 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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Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Wheeler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a cyclist making regular use of roadways and bike paths on Oahu I can definitively say that situations endangering cyclists and/or pedestrians are a regular occurrence. Often these situations are a direct product of roadway design, and at other times they are the product of the recklessness or ignorance of a road user. We owe it to those who have been killed or injured on our roads to, at the very least, examine ways in which we might protect those users who are the most vulnerable and consider taking action to do so, which I believe HB757 can help accomplish.

-Paul Wheeler, Honolulu Resident, Pauoa Valley

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kari Benes	Strategic Highway Safety Plan	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 6:28:28 PM
Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Miyako	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is so important City and State to spend more effort to keep pedestrians safe. We need more strict punishment to people who does DUI. We need drivers to slow down somehow!! We need more lights at pedestrian crossing!!

Please make a big change to protect people! We don't want anybody to be killed by any cars anymore!! We had enough!!!!

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1/31/19

Representatives AQUINO, BROWER, CULLEN, HASHEM, HASHIMOTO,
MATAYOSHI, MCDERMOTT, WOODSON

Testimony in Support of HB757 Relating to Transportation

Aloha Representatives Aquino,

On behalf of Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii (PATH), I am writing to express our strong support for the Safe Passing bill HB757.

This bill requires the department of transportation and the county transportation departments to 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. It also establishes a temporary working group to develop an action plan and review certain specified traffic policies and guidelines. This working group will report to legislature in 2020 and 2021. The bill also calls for funds to be appropriated

In 2018, there were 32 fatalities on Hawaii Island roads alone.

Hawaii County has the highest number of roadway fatalities per capita in the state. In January of this year, we have already had 2 fatalities, compared to 0 at this time last year.

This is why at 9:00 on February 1, 2019, Hawaii County Mayor Kim is proclaiming that a Vision Zero task force be formed to eliminate traffic fatalities.

We strongly support the creation of a working group to develop a statewide plan that will support and augment the counties efforts to reach zero fatalities.

The premise of Vision Zero is that all of these fatalities and countless serious injuries could have been prevented. Vision Zero starts with the ethical belief that everyone has the right to move safely in their communities, and that system designers and policy makers and community members share the responsibility to ensure safe systems for travel.

Vision Zero is a data driven multidisciplinary approach, bringing together diverse and necessary stakeholders to address this complex problem. In this working group meaningful, cross-disciplinary collaboration among local traffic planners and engineers, policymakers, public health professionals and community members from all counties will be the norm.

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. A working group made up of those who have already start to develop a plan and those who are just getting started will greatly accelerate to development of a statewide Vision Zero plan.

I humbly request that members of the following bike/ped advocacy groups be invited to join this working group. They are Hawaii Bicycling League, Maui Bicycling League, Path Kauai/Get Fit Kauai and Peoples advocacy for Trails Hawaii (PATH).

Let's bring this workgroup together to make our roads safer and to eliminate traffic fatalities across our state.

Thank you,

Tina Clothier
Executive Director
PATH- Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 7:45:16 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Chang	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice-Chair Hashimoto, other members of the esteemed House Committee on Transportation

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

Vehicle collisions are the leading cause of violent physical death in Hawaii, United States, and the world in general, with Hawaii having one of the highest pedestrian fatality rates in the U.S., killing more people than guns. When Vision Zero is implemented in other cities in the United States and around the world, one of things people ask first is how many pedestrian fatalities is acceptable. People of course will say a number. But then advocates ask next, how many members of your immediate family are you okay with being hit by a car, everyone says zero. And every single person who gets hit is someone's immediate family member, all of their deaths are tragic.

In honor of my sister's memory, I'm currently a graduate student studying Urban Planning 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.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 8:06:15 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daphne Manago	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto and members of the Committee on Transportation,

I strongly support HB757 which requests the State to adopt a Vision Zero policy to prevent and eliminate traffic fatalities. It saddens me to hear about deaths on our streets almost daily and Hawaii needs to have a policy like this in place. This will raise much awareness for safety on our streets and save lives. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 9:05:59 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Asia Yeary	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

As you know, three pedestrians died this week in one intersection. This horrific crash could have been prevented if Hawaii had implemented Vision Zero. We need policy, infrastructure and enforcement that does not allow for selfish drivers to feel like it's okay to be distracted, drive under the influence, speed or generally disregard pedestrians and bicyclists. Please put yourself in the place of families who lost a loved one. Please support Vision Zero. It's a no brainer. It's proven to work so why have we not already adopted it? Please support HB757 now and help make Hawaii safer. This is urgent and critical before other innocent people die. If you vote in support of HB757, thank you for your leadership.

Aloha,

Asia

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Submitted on: 2/1/2019 8:54:25 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Transportation Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Bill HB757 establishing a working group to develop an action plan and review certain specified traffic policies and guidelines. I believe this a valuable effort to appropriate city funds and personnel towards. Our state has an unacceptable number of pedestrian, cycling, and vehicular deaths each year. I would like to see our city 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. Cities that have implemented a Vision Zero vision and plan have seen their traffic fatalities decline. Honolulu has no shortage of organizations, advocates, and city administrators that would like to come together as a community to determine what plans and strategies will help our city get to Vision Zero. Please support this effort by passing HB757.

Thank you for considering my testimony,

Justine Espiritu

3035 Hibiscus Drive Honolulu HI 96815

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Submitted on: 2/1/2019 9:02:37 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Ford-Wagner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I wish to express my support for HB757, which requires adoption of a Vision Zero policy by the state and the counties. Vision Zero is a compassionate approach to traffic violence, operating from the assumption that it is impossible to eliminate all human error from the transportation system. Vision Zero takes a data-driven, cross-disciplinary approach to reducing the risk of death, injury, and damages that result from crashes. Please support this excellent legislation; it is the very least we can do to try to turn the tragedy of the Ala Moana/Kamakee deaths into forward momentum for change.

Mahalo-

Amy Ford-Wagner, a pedestrian/bicyclist/driver/mother/wife/friend/transportation professional/Kailua voter

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Submitted on: 2/1/2019 10:24:26 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse K. Souki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee:

Given the tragic loss of life in Kaka’ako, now is a good time to adopt and implement a comprehensive Vision Zero program. Read more at <https://lnkd.in/gfrjw9F> and <https://lnkd.in/gGqFu7b>.

Some say the Kaka’ako tragedy could not have been prevented. However, consider that policies like Vision Zero can minimize the likelihood of such events in the future by rethinking how we design our communities. Initiatives like complete streets and Vision Zero are about evolving how we think about transportation and where/how we live. If the guy was walking drunk or using transit drunk, the Kaka’ako tragedy might have ended differently.

The point of Vision Zero is not to be foolproof, but to do better. Deaths caused by how we design our communities and roads are preventable. It’s time for action. We should not be looking for certainty; instead, we should be asking ourselves: When do we have enough evidence to make good decisions? I believe Vision Zero is the right decision.

Mahalo for your time, consideration, and service.

Sincerely,

Jesse K. Souki