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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Greg Voelkel	Testifying for Hawaii Bicycle League	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is long overdue. The number of unlawful drivers on our city streets is unacceptable. SB663 will bring more objectivity to traffic law enforcement and provide equal enforcement on those who fail to abide by red lights. This will undoubtedly save lives in the future. An accident today serves as a reminder of this bill's importance. <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2019/02/17/woman-seriously-injured-crash-busy-honolulu-street/>

Thank you for your consideration,

Greg Voelkel

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff McDevitt	Testifying for PATH	Support	No

Comments:

Hi folks, I have commuted by bicycle to work and shopping since the 1970s in Kona, as well as drive a scooter and rarely my truck. It is a lot safer now than it was in the beginning but the intersections are extremely scary since so many people are running red lights excessively long now. I hope you will consider the safety of pedestrians and cyclists over the objections to this bill of the drivers, most of whom always seem to be in a hurry. Thank you so much for your consideration, Dr. Jeff McDevitt.

February 20, 2019

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Committee on Ways and Means

RE: **Support of SB663 SD1** Relating to Highway Safety

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, & Members of the Committee:

Blue Zones Project–Hawaii **supports** SB663 SD1, which establishes a photo red light running imaging detector systems program, authorizes the counties to administer the program, and creates a Red Light Running Committee. These steps are pieces of a more comprehensive approach that is needed to address the high rates of road violence in our state.

Similar red light running imaging programs have been implemented in other states and countries with reliable and effective results. These systems will help support the enforcement of our laws, but more important the safety of all our road users. Running red lights can prove deadly to people on the streets as well as to those in the cars. It is time we start utilizing systems that can shift the tide of our road violence.

This measure also calls for the creation and convening of a red light running committee, which would review the Act and make recommendations on improving it. This component is vital. Progress is about engaging the appropriate stakeholders, evaluating and making changes. Not only will this approach will help address concerns regarding another “Van Cam” situation.

Bills like this one, supporting the counties in their work, and the building momentum of Vision Zero help to change our collective understanding of what it means to increase road safety. By working together, continuing to move effective policy, while supporting the work that is currently happening, we can change our high incidence of road violence.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of SB663 SD1.

Sincerely,

*Peggy Mierzwa*

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Blue Zones Project—Hawaii

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Subject: Support SB663

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Dear Chairs Inouye and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Wakai, and members of both the Senate Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Tina Clothier and I am the Executive Director of PATH~Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP).

The Strategic Highway Safety Plan Core Committee has identified implementation of automated photo enforcement as a long-standing priority of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Red-light running endangers all other road users and especially more vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and bicyclists. Implementation of red-light running cameras have been studied for more than 2 decades and they have proven to be effective at reducing both crashes and reducing the number of overall violations.

SB663 provides a balanced and thoughtful approach to the implementation of a red-light running program. Most importantly, this measure permits, yet does not require, counties to explore implementation of a red-light running program. The Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan's vision is that all of Hawaii's road users arrive safely at their destinations.

Bills such as this one will also support Hawaii County's Vision Zero Plan, proclaimed by Mayor Harry Kim on February 1, 2019 and adopted by the Hawaii County Council Transportation Committee on February 4, 2019. The plan will develop strategies, policies and programs designed to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways,

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony on this lifesaving bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jason DeMarco	Testifying for Hawaii Bicycling League	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB663. I am tired of seeing people running red lights and endangering others. As bicycle commuter and frequent pedestrian, motorists running the light is quite dangerous to my safety. I favor the language that funds generated go to the respective counties.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Zelko	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB663 which will help to make our Hawaii roadways safer. Not only will our streets be safer, but our police officers are free from the time consuming duties of traffic enforcement. Please vote for SB 663 in order to help keep our community safer!

Thank you,

Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter

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

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair DelaCruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee,

I support SB663. Pedestrians and cyclists will be safer if fewer drivers run red lights. There will be fewer deaths and injuries -- a very good thing.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Randy Ching

Honolulu (makikirandy@yahoo.com)



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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:

I very strongly support this bill as a safety measure for Hawaii, and also as a device for helping change the culture of carelessness that pervades Hawaii's roads.

I do not own a car, so I walk a lot. I thus have a lot of first-hand experience with the way drivers in Hawaii treat pedestrians, and it's deadly. Without question, the absolute most dangerous place for me in Hawaii is a crosswalk, and as a result I will admit that I frequently jaywalk - not to save time, but to be safe. I cannot tell you how many times I've had a driver honk, scream, or even throw something because I stepped into a crosswalk while they were planning to run a red light or stop sign. Added to this is the fact that so many drivers in Hawaii drive after dark without their headlights on, so they not only run throug the light but can't see who is in the crosswalk while they do it.

I think that all of us are tired of being in downtown Honolulu and watching 6 or 8 cars run every red light while the police ticket pedestrians who are crossing in a crosswalk, with a green light, just because they didn't make it before the red hand started flashing. We all know why they do it - because in this culture drivers believe they have the right to do whatever they want, and so pedestrians should be ticketed if they're not out of the way of those running the red lights. If you really believe those cops are choosing to ticket legal pedestrians as opposed to illegal drivers to keep the pedestrians safe, then prove it and pass this bill.

The driver-centric culture of Hawaii needs to change, and this bill presents the first important step in not only holding people responsible, but in advocating for a culture that values community and individuals within them.

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

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Ravaglia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In order to make our multi-use roads safer for all constituents, please consider passing this legislation which only serves to encourage everyone to follow the existing laws.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelly Hudik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

With the number of drivers running red lights on a regular basis, I absolutely support the red light camera implementation. I have had several close calls while driving as well as running or cycling where I was nearly hit because a driver ran a red light. I have never been to another place where drivers do this so regularly! Please consider passing this bill to help avoid major accidents and deter this dangerous habit drivers have gotten comfortable doing.

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

Comments:

Anthony Chang

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and other members of the esteemed members of the Senate Committees on Transportation and Judiciary.

My name is Anthony Chang and I stand in support of this bill SB 663. Six years ago, my sister Emelia Hung, who was 24 years old was struck by a car and died not far from here. Bills like this would make it less likely cars will collide with other people, saving lives and preventing families from being torn apart.

Along with punishing those who run red lights, cameras, if it is known they are around would discourage people from running red lights.

Also echoing testimony from Hawaii Bicycling League:

- **Red light running is dangerous** for people that walk, bike, and drive — in the US in 2014, red light running was a factor in 710 deaths, including 44 bicycle and pedestrian deaths
- Red Light Enforcement Cameras **reduce crashes & injuries** – a summary of studies found they reduce crashes at signalized intersections by 25-30%
- Red Light Enforcement Cameras **reduce the most serious crashes** – while some studies have found that red light cameras slightly increase rear-end collisions, the evidence is consistent that they significantly reduce “angle” (aka T-bone) crashes which are most likely to result in serious injury or death
- Red Light Enforcement Cameras **save lives** – a study of red light enforcement cameras in the US estimated that by 2014 they had saved nearly 1,300 lives

Please pass this bill. Mahalo and Aloha

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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 would like to voice my support in using red-light cameras to better enforce traffic laws in Hawaii. Too often I see drivers blatantly ignore the red light, entering the intersection with a late yellow or even a fresh red. Most often I see it on Lunalilo crossing Pensacola. I fear being T-boned one day in my car, on my bicycle, or walking my dog.

Mahalo,

Chris Tipton

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

Comments:

I stand in favor of this bill which I believe will impact ped & bike safety in major ways. I have experience in California and it had a noticeable effect on my behavior as I drove near to a sign. Please pass this bill and start Honolulu toward safer intersections.  
Thanks!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roger Au	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support improved safety on our streets! Installing Red Light cameras and ticketing offending vehicle operators is a big positive step. Daily, I witness many people going through red lights. We need to take action to reduce senseless injuries and fatalities caused by inconsiderate drivers.

Thank you for your support.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alisa Au	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support SB663. On a daily basis, I witness MULTIPLE people running red lights. They appear oblivious to the danger they cause. I am always anxious that a driver going ahead on a GREEN light will be involved in an accident. There must be vigorous enforcement and punishment for infractions to avoid accidents and deaths and injuries to innocent people. The police department is not equipped to arrest the hundreds of people who egregiously break the law. I BEG you to pass SB663. Thank you

TO: Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Natalie Iwasa  
808-395-3233

HEARING: 10:05 a.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2019

SUBJECT: SB 663, SD1 Highway Safety (Red Light Imaging) - **OPPOSED**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 663, SD1, which would create a red light running committee and imaging detector program. I oppose this bill and urge you to vote “no.”

Our legal system was built on the premise that people are innocent until proven guilty. **If this bill were to be made law, people would be treated as guilty until they prove themselves innocent. That goes against the very foundation of our legal system.**

In addition, there is no guarantee that this program would create safer roads. It may, however, increase the number of rear end crashes.

Please vote **“no”** on SB663, SD1.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marcia Nora	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a bike rider I support this bill. I see many cars running red lights.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert A Cravalho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity. I support this measure and strongly believe drivers will pay closer attention to to our traffic control legends if they are aware a red light camera may be installed at the intersection. In his book "Cops and Character" Delattre writes, "Few have maintained that human beings can be trusted to behave well unless they are held accountable." The red light cameras will hold those who violate the law to be held accountable and thus create a society where drivers can be trusted. I am certain the various city and county prosecutors are involved in the language used in measure. To be effective, we must be able to prosecute the offender and in order to be successful in the courtroom, the prosecutors will need evidence of who was operating the vehicle at the time the violation occurred. I appreciate you making certain the evidence will be recovered accordingly. Thank you for your service and providing me the opportunity to submit testimony.

Robert Cravalho

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

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Ichinose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a driver, biker, and pedestrian I have nearly been victimized by drivers who run red lights. I have seen others not so lucky - and it can be horrifying. From what I observe, more drivers than ever run red lights.

Many of these drivers are loudly vocal about having their "right" to disobey traffic laws upheld. Please don't be afraid of these scofflaws. No one has the right to disregard the law and endanger the innocent

Please pass SB663 to bring a measure of sanity back to intersections.

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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:

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a 2014, red light running was a factor in 710 deaths, including 44 bicycle and pedestrian deaths

â– **Red Light Enforcement Cameras reduce crashes & injuries** – a summary of  
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â– **Red Light Enforcement Cameras save lives** – a study of red light enforcement  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Guy Ward	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 663 as a means of reducing stop light violations. It will save lives, possibly mine or a loved one.

Mahalo,

Guy Ward

Hilo



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

Comments:

I support this legislation. Reckless driving kills and injures fellow motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. In addition to cameras placed at intersections to record red light violations, they should also be placed along roadways known for high speed driving. Despite the uproar when cameras were used to catch those who drove too fast on Pali Highway years ago, it should be reimplemented. If you cannot drive safely and within the posted speed limit, then you should receive a citation. It is as simple as that.

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

Comments:

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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:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine M. Grebe	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of the red light camera enforcement law. I am galvanized to be an active supporter of this bill to honor Travis Lau, who was killed w/ 2 others on Jan 28, 2019 in the tragic Kakaako drunk driving incident, as well as other bills forthcoming in the community's effort to strengthen & try to help improve enforcement of the incredible # of drivers on the road with no licenses, driving unregistered vehicles.

I am a retired RN & managed my husband's surgical practice for 30 years. He is from Germany & therefore we have spent quite a bit of time there to visit his family & friends. This is the basis for my argument that traffic cameras & strict drunk driving laws work extremely effectively. Germany has very strict drunk driving laws w/ highly successful enforcement statistics. This is the country that produces some of the world's fastest cars & has wonderful autobahns (freeways) with no speed limits in many areas. Again, their accident statistics are much lower than the US. This is also due to strict regulation & enforcement of car safety checks & driver's licensing. Everyone takes drinking & then NOT driving, very seriously. They will not drive after 1 beer. This, from the country who invented beer! Two months after returning from 1 trip a few years ago, I received a traffic ticket in the mail. It had my photo (from the front- proving that the driver was me) driving & the rental car license plate. I knew exactly when that occurred as I remembered was going a little too fast, having missed an exit. Of course, I paid it. Germany is a country that not only values it's privacy but has supremely strict privacy laws. For example, they will not allow Google Earth to photograph many residential areas due to privacy laws. So, to those here who argue that traffic cameras violate our citizens privacy- please check w/ the way Germany regulates that issue. Its traffic camera system works. I also support having the cameras photograph the car from the front as then you can prove who was driving the car & the perpetrator can't claim he wasn't driving the car. The camera should be able to capture the red light since it's red from both sides of the intersection.

In this era of Uber & Lyft, there has to be a way to prevent drunk drivers from being on the road drunk. In Asia, the drunk driving laws are also very strict, so they avail themselves of the car service that will drive you & your car home.

Pedestrians rule in Europe. It's amazing that everybody treats each pedestrian like it's their child crossing the street. Again- this is due to highly effective & extremely strict laws regarding stopping for pedestrians. I recommend studying how Germany is able to enforce this law.

The same holds true for bicyclists. In so many large & very busy European cities, bicyclists have their own lanes on the sidewalks- this works in the many congested streets where the roads are too narrow to accommodate them. The bicycle traffic is immense- a good thing- keeping many cars off the roads.

No right turn on red is almost the rule in Germany. This does slow traffic down a lot- so could be used @ only some intersections as they are here now. There would be mutiny & more red light runners if all intersections instituted no right turn on red.

Lastly, there has to be a better way to go after drivers on the road without a valid drivers license & no insurance. Also the number of unregistered vehicles on the road is shocking.

Please- I fervently urge you to support SB 663 & bring back the red light cameras. We need to increase our efforts to prevent future tragedies like the one that has broken the hearts of the Lau family. Thank you, Kathy

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gwen Campbell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We are in favor of red light cameras for the safety of cyclists, pedestrians and motor vehicles.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sam. K.	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

There is a massive record of usage of red-light cameras on the mainland and the studies are overwhelming negative. On average, they increase the risk of vehicle collisions because they force people to abruptly stop or drive even faster to get through the intersection. Red light cameras are also commonly and mainly used as a scam for the contractor and the state to generate more money with no effect on reducing accidents (they cause more accidents than they prevent). This is just a scam for the contracting agency to obtain more money.

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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:

I support red light cameras. It keeps people accountable. Hawaii drivers have gotten careless and much more apt to running red lights.



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John Bravender	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a frequent pedestrian, I know to watch out for cars that run red lights. (It happens often at particular intersections.) However, many visitors and others who don't pay attention will step into the road when a crosswalk says "walk" without looking for vehicles that are still charging through the intersection. Those who run red lights put these people at risk when they break the law. Knowing that they will get a ticket for running a red light (whether just the threat of a ticket or actually getting one in the mail) will hopefully cause these drivers to be safer and in less of a rush.

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

Comments:

Everyone has the right to be safe on Hawai'i's roadways, no matter what mode of transportation they choose. Please place safety and the lives of our 'ohana FIRST by passing this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deborah McCurdy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support a system that will ticket drivers who run red lights (Bill SB663). 99% of the time that I am on the road either on foot, on my bike or in my car, I see at least one driver run a red light. When I am driving and a car is behind me, I always go through the yellow lights to be sure that I am not rear ended by the driver behind me who expects to follow on my tail through the intersection. When I check my rear view mirror, more often than not, not only has the car behind me gone through the light on my tail, one or two behind him also go through the light. Once, while walking my bike across the intersection of Pensacola and King, I entered the intersection after the green walking man sign came up and the cars on my side were also entering the intersection. All of the sudden, I heard a huge screech and I was able to jump back to the curb in front of the Vaccum store. Sure enough, a car was speeding down King through the red light. He swerved and did a 360 turn and ended up curbside by my feet. Had I not jumped back, I surely would have been ploughed down in the crosswalk. Sincerely, Deborah McCurdy

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lianna McCurdy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
L. Hirano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We have urged, pleaded with, and begged our Legislators for decades to stop playing Politics and install cameras at every possible intersection to, "Click It and Ticket", as in click the photo and send the ticket, to those who choose to weaponize their vehicles and ignore red lights. Every single day we, personally, play Dodgeball in our cars with near misses 3-5X a DAY, all over Honolulu! It is an epidemic, unenforced and offenders laugh and get away with it, more emboldened than before. Attitude, distraction, being under the influence are some of the reasons but there is No Excuse. We don't want a Task Force to study the problem, or a sample intersection to Test it, we want them installed NOW! Decades of lost, innocent lives and blood on the hands of every single one of you who have never stood up and done something. Now is the time. Please! Thank you.

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Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Travis Schmidt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I personally ride on the streets of Kapolei and Ewa Beach as a primary means of transportation for work and exercise. I have many encounters where vehicles do not stop at red lights, however they proceed with out stopping and make a turn. I ride in bike lanes and even they are not safe all the time. Can you please consider SB663 in support of our local bike riders and pedistrians. Holding drivers accountable for unsafe operation is a common sense policy. I, Travis Schmidt, support SB663.

Thank you,

Travis Schmidt

I support for the bill SB 663.

As a pedestrian I got hit by a truck who ignored his red light. I was told by the police that even if I could request the video footage to the police, they do not spend time for investigate further and penalize the driver because it was non-fatal, pedestrian vs. driver accident. Since there was no proof like a video footage and witness the police needed to record the accident was just because of driver's "inattention". The driver did not get even a ticket. I never had had such feeling of unfairness like that day. We need a system to reinforce the traffic law and penalize dangerous drivers.

Thank you,  
Yoko Toyama

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:16:26 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I am a walker, runner, and bicyclist on Oahu, and elsewhere in the islands. I have had many harrowing experiences with poor drivers, who seem incapable of paying attention to the road and others as they deal with red lights. I would prefer not to be killed as I make my way around the island. Please increase this possibility by passing this bill.

Mahalo,

Susan J. Wurtzburg, Ph.D.



**SB-663-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:33:15 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dean Masai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB663, the Photo Red Light Safety Camera legislation. This would be a major step forward to make our streets safer for everyone (studies show the cameras reduce crashes and injuries by 25-30%). **Run a red light, get a ticket in the mail!**

**SB-663-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:27:41 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
STEVEN DEPAOLI	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

this bill is so long overdue to help mitigate drivers running red lights and speeding. Hopefully this will be entered into law and lives will be saved.

Mahalo nui for your consideration,

Steve & Darnell DePaoli

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**SB-663-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 6:12:41 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support SB 663 and efforts to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in Hawaii.

**LATE**

**SB-663-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 10:15:36 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Chair Rhodes, Vice Chair Harimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and esteemed members of the Committee.

I, Sery Berhanu, strongly support SB663, which would make our streets a lot safer. The lack of motorists to observe the rules of red lights has unfortunately led to many senseless injuries and fatalities. SB663 will reduce the number of vehicles running red lights; and therefore, reduce the number of accidents and make all our roads safe for all users.

Thank you,

Sery Berhanu

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Submitted on: 2/19/2019 10:44:26 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Norbert Buelsing	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

## Committee on Ways & Means

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Late

### RE: SB663, SD1 - Support

Laws are only effective if enforced.

If we as a community truly believe that the astounding number of injuries and deaths on our roads is unacceptable then we must take action to use proven technology that works 24/7 with complete impartiality to bring under control the rampant red-light running which has become increasingly accepted by many drivers.

Certainly red-light cameras are not a universal solution, but they are an effective measure to demonstrate the consequences of thinking that one is above the law. Possibly the impact of enforcement of red light laws will have a positive carry-over effect with motorists in their observation of speed limits and other traffic laws.

Certainly the mere presence of red-light cameras will improve driver behavior, similar to the how a police car parked on the freeway shoulder results in a sudden observance of speed limits.

Your support of this measure is requested.

Aloha, Norb Buelsing

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**SB-663-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 11:02:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sharon R Keith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I observe many many autos run red lights in our Honolulu community. As a person who has been injured on the road, I am personally aware of the mental, physical, and financial toal of being a victim.

ALL people using the road need to trust the system. People on foot or a bicycle need to be protected from those operating an automobile who can easily do untold damage because the think it's OK to run a red light.

Cameras are not a personal violation. They are just another tool to help make people accountable to the rules of owning a drivers licence.

Apparently the reseach shows they are effective, so why not use them?

Please support this bill.

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**Testimony Supporting SB663**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, esteemed members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Hawaii Bicycling League **strongly supports Senate Bill SB663**, which allows the counties to establish “photo red light imaging detector systems.”

Photo red light imaging detector systems or red light enforcement cameras will make our streets safer for everyone. The positive safety impacts are proven and major:

- Red light running is dangerous for people that walk, bike, and drive — in the US in 2014, red light running was a factor in 710 deaths, including 44 bicycle and pedestrian deaths<sup>i</sup>
- Red light enforcement cameras reduce crashes & injuries – a summary of studies found they reduce crashes at signalized intersections by 25-30%<sup>ii</sup>
- Red light enforcement cameras reduce the most serious crashes – while some studies have found that red light cameras slightly increase rear-end collisions, the evidence is consistent that they significantly reduce “angle” (aka T-bone) crashes which are most likely to result in serious injury or death<sup>iii</sup>
- Red light enforcement cameras save lives – a study of red light enforcement cameras in the US estimated that by 2014 they had saved nearly 1,300 lives<sup>iv</sup>

SB663 follows national best practices that will ensure that red light enforcement cameras accomplish the objective of saving lives and reducing traffic injuries, while minimizing any potential concerns:

- Cameras will be at fixed locations with signs warning drivers of the cameras
- Cameras will be placed where data shows traffic crashes and injuries
- Camera providers will be paid a flat fee no matter how many tickets issued (unlike the “Van Cams” in 2002 where the operator was paid a per ticket fee and therefore incentivized to issue more citations)
- A red light running committee will make recommendations before implementation
- Each county must separately decide to implement red light cameras
- Registered owners may escape responsibility if someone else uses their car
- Only those who run red lights have their photos taken
- Car rental companies may escape responsibility by identifying the renter

We urge you to pass SB663 and take a major step towards making our streets safer for people that walk, bike, and drive.

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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Co-Executive Director  
Hawaii Bicycling League



Chad Taniguchi  
Director Emeritus  
Hawaii Bicycling League

#### Sources

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<sup>i</sup> <https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/conventional/signalized/rlr/>

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<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.iihs.org/iihs/news/desktopnews/turning-off-red-light-cameras-costs-lives-new-research-shows>



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Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda Goeth	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a long time resident of Kona on the Big Island, I am strongly in favor of properly monitored and maintained red light enforcement cameras. The increased "running of red lights" in the past few years in our small town has been frightening and needs to be addressed. Realizing that there are issues associated with red light cameras, I feel however the necessity for awareness and culpability for this terrible traffic violation should support the use of cameras at this time.

Thank you

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 663, S.D. 1

**February 20, 2019  
10:05 a.m.  
Room 211**

**RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY**

Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 663, S.D. 1, establishes the Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems Program, administered by the counties, to help improve the enforcement of traffic signal laws. This bill establishes a Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems Program Special Fund, administered by the Department of Transportation, into which shall be paid revenues collected pursuant to this chapter. All proceeds of fines shall be expended in the county from which they were collected for the establishment, operation, management and maintenance of a photo red light imaging detector system.

As a matter of general policy, the Department of Budget and Finance does not support the creation of any special fund that does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, HRS. Special funds should: 1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work and an explanation why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a

clear link between the program and the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regards to S.B. No. 663, S.D. 1, it is difficult to determine whether the proposed special fund would be self-sustaining.

Further, there is no special fund appropriation to support the program as envisioned in the bill.

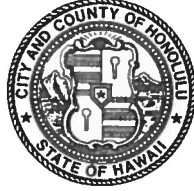
Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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February 20, 2019

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Ways and Means  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 211  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 663 S.D. 1, Relating to Highway Safety

I am Andre Peters, Acting Captain of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 663 S.D. 1, Relating to Highway Safety. The passage of this bill would allow our streets to be much safer with a visible 24-hour deterrent at our busiest intersections. This would free up law enforcement officers to respond to priority calls and removes the safety risks involved in conducting traditional traffic stops during their tour of duty.

There is public outcry that the HPD is not doing enough when it comes to enforcing red light violations. In 2018, the HPD issued 3,005 citations for red light violations. This number would be significantly higher if we were able to proactively monitor all our intersections. Red light violators are usually cited if the officer is in an opportune position to observe the violation and be able to safely maneuver through traffic to conduct a traffic stop. The officer also has to weigh whether stopping the violator creates a greater safety risk to others on the roadway. The HPD has conducted several red light operations throughout the island to address red light violators. It is very difficult to cite violators during a uniformed officer's tour of duty because no one usually runs the red light if they see an HPD vehicle at an intersection.

Everyone on the roadway needs to be vigilant and take responsibility for their own personal safety. Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists need to be aware of their surroundings and also obey traffic laws. In light of the recent deaths on our roadways, the HPD supports this system and request assistance in ensuring that our roadways are safe.

*Serving and Protecting With Aloha*

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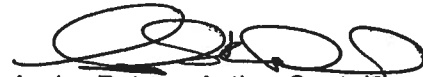
As we have learned in the past, a system where there is no collaborative effort from all agencies involved can lead to distrust in the system. Creating a red light running committee would allow all involved to voice their concerns and come up with solutions to this growing problem. The discussion needs to be taken to those that are directly responsible for the safety of the motoring public. We support that the counties will benefit from the funds produced by this bill and allows the counties to have a say in how the photo red light imaging detector systems will be implemented.

Should funds not be released for an island-wide implementation, the number of fatalities and critical injuries will continue to rise.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 663 S.D 1, Relating to Highway Safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Andre Peters, Acting Captain  
Traffic Division

APPROVED:



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Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police



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Submitted on: 2/19/2019 3:26:47 PM  
Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JONATHAN LOTT	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Members of the committee, I respectfully support this measure and request that you put yourself in the shoes (or slippers) of the pedestrians and cyclists who are threatened with the DEATH PENALTY delivered by vehicles running red lights, most often while speeding and accelerating through the intersection.

As for the argument that drivers running red lights would be considered guilty without having had a chance to prove innocence--surely there are very few instances when it can be considered acceptable to run a red light. Isn't NOT STOPPING for a red light by definition, breaking the law? Perhaps there could be an appeals process built into the system for the extremely rare instances when running a red light could be considered forgivable, such as moving out of the way for approaching emergency vehicles. I've noticed many intersections have a delayed green for the cross traffic to allow vehicles who have entered the wide intersection under yellow time to clear it before the cross traffic starts. Similar thinking can be applied to red light camera enforcement, so that only truly egregious violations are penalized.

In my job, in which my days are spent on foot on the streets and sidewalks of Waikiki, I see an incredible number of instances of red light running and disregard for crosswalk signals. Agreed that often the pedestrians and cyclists are ignoring the signals and/or jaywalking as well, yet the motor vehicle driver has arguably a much greater responsibility to avoid collisions, given the mass of the vehicle being controlled and the potential damage. Ideally HPD would ticket cyclists and jaywalkers in equal measure to red-light running vehicle drivers. Perhaps some of the revenue reaped from red light camera enforcement could therefore be used to put more HPD foot patrol on the streets to observe and ticket cyclist and pedestrian lawbreakers.

In summary, the use of camera red light enforcement would be a huge step toward changing driver behavior and attitudes, and probably prevent a lot of injuries and some deaths. Let's try them and keep good data for comparison, to see if they promote safety or not. If not proven to improve safety, we could make adjustments or repeal the law implementing them.

Jonathan Lott,

Waikiki Carless Person and Motorcoach Operator



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Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anthony P Sedillo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I witness an average of six red light runners a week. Usually they speed up an unsafe amount over the speed-limit "to make the light". If a pedestrian is only looking at the crosswalk light before stepping off the curb, or another unsafe driver is only focusing on their light turning green - I think y'all can imagine the danger with these scenarios.

When people get tickets automatically mailed to them it not only helps correct drivers unsafe behavior, but it also helps motivate people to register vehicle transfers, and makes people think twice about who they loan their vehicle to.

Mahalo,

- Anthony Sedillo



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and Members of the Senate  
Committee on Ways and Means  
State Capitol, Room 211  
415 South Beretania Street  
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Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: Testimony on Senate Bill 663 - Relating to Highway Safety**

The Department of Transportation Services supports this measure. Increasing safety on Oahu's roads is a high priority for the City and County of Honolulu.

Drivers who run red lights endanger themselves, as well as other drivers and pedestrians in and around the intersection. Photo red light imaging detector systems are a proven deterrent of red light-running and they improve safety for drivers and pedestrians in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Deployment of this kind of system would complement several initiatives currently implemented aimed at reducing vehicle crashes and traffic fatalities and injuries, many of which occur at signalized intersections.

We are in strong support of the provision in this measure in Part IV that allows the counties to expend a portion of fines collected for red light violations for the operation, management, and maintenance of the photo red light imaging detector system.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Very truly yours,

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

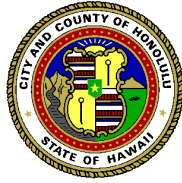
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The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means  
The Senate  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211  
415 South Beretania Street  
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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

SUBJECT: S.B. No. 663 S.D. 1  
Relating to Highway Safety

S.B. No. 663 S.D. 1, proposes to increase traffic safety by establishing a Red Light Imaging Detector Systems Program (Program) and related procedures including the requirement that proceeds from fines be expended in the county from which the fines were collected; authorizing the counties to administer the Program; and establishing a Red Light Running Committee to review the photo red light imaging detector systems program prior to the Programs statutory implementation.

The City and County of Honolulu **supports** this measure.

The prevalence of drivers violating traffic laws in Hawaii, particularly those who run red lights, has become rampant, endangering the lives of other motorists, pedestrians, bicyclist, and the drivers themselves. Photo red light imaging detector systems have proven to be an efficient and effective method of identifying and deterring red light runners in other jurisdictions in the United States. There are also numerous benefits associated with the implementation of photo red light imaging detector systems including safer streets, lower court costs, lower insurance rates for safer drivers, and the freeing up of police officers from the time-consuming duties of traffic enforcement, providing these officers more time to respond to priority calls.

While the legislature established photo speed imaging detector and photo red light imaging detector systems to improve traffic safety and enforcement in the past, intense opposition to the programs resulted in the law establishing these systems being repealed. It should be noted, however, that the majority of the opposition to these programs was directed toward the photo speed imaging detector system and the

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method by which that particular program was implemented. The public perceived that the program was operated more to maximize revenue for the vendor running the program than to improve traffic safety.

2018 was one of the deadliest years on record for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians on Honolulu's roadways despite various attempts to prevent these senseless tragedies from occurring. As recently as February 16, 2019, a motorist was killed on an Oahu roadway where it is suspected that another motorist traveled through a red light at a high rate of speed, in addition to other factors. Far too many individuals are being killed on our roadways and we need to address this through a variety of means, including the establishment of photo red light imaging detector systems.

It should be noted that the City and County of Honolulu is currently looking at things we can do on roadways under our jurisdiction to improve traffic, pedestrian, and bicycling safety. The City has already established dedicated bike lanes and continues to expand the establishment of these lanes on City roads. We are also looking at simple, yet effective means of making crosswalks safer, such as the use of bollards with signs indicating a pedestrian crossing, painting crosswalks with high visibility paints, or installing flashing crossing signals at certain crosswalks. Authorizing the establishment of red light photo imaging detector systems and allowing counties to administer these programs provides the City and County of Honolulu with additional tools to improve the safety of all roadway users and deter drivers from creating hazardous situations by violating red light traffic laws.

While we understand that the appropriations for initiating the photo red light imaging detector system program have been removed from this draft of the measure as the program will not be initiated until July 1, 2020, we note that moneys will need to be provided during the next legislative session to initiate this program.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 663 S.D. 1.

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/19/2019 10:05:59 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Caterine Picardo Diaz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

Cate Picardo

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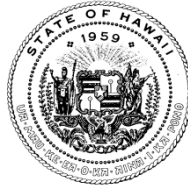
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Submitted on: 2/20/2019 7:49:45 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2019 10:05:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Megan Tabata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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February 19, 2019  
10:05 A.M.  
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**S.B. 663, S.D. 1  
RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.**

Senate Committees on Ways and Means

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports with amendment** S.B. 663, SD1.

Drivers violating Hawaii's traffic laws has become intolerable especially those that disregard red light signals. These violations not only endanger the lives of motorists and pedestrians, but they compound the hazardous conditions that already exists on the highways. The risk of disregarding red lights often leads to injuries and deaths that results from motor vehicle crashes.

During calendar years 2011 - 2016, there has been 1,616 intersection crashes resulting from red light and other traffic signal violations. These crashes resulted in deaths, numerous injuries and property damage.

During calendar years 2011 – 2018, at total of 13 deaths occurred from a driver disregarding a red light signal.

During calendar years 2014 - 2018, police have issued 17,021 red light violations to motorists who disregarded the traffic signal. Because police have other priorities for calls for services, it is not possible for them to enforce the laws at every intersection.

The red light detection cameras has shown to be very effective in cities across the nation. Intersections where high volume of crashes have occurred previously; the installation of the red light cameras at those intersections have shown a significant reduction of crashes. This leads to the protection from all types of injuries and property damage.

The DOT is recommending that appropriations be established and allocated for the red light committee. The appropriations would be used for travel and committee expenses for committee meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.