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February 24, 2020

### TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY

#### House Bill 2253 HD 1 – Relating to the Traffic Code

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) **SUPPORTS** House Bill 2253 HD 1. This bill would authorize the chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to designate state employees or contractors, or the county police chiefs to designate county employees or contractors, as empowered to cite vehicles for certain traffic code violations, including illegally parked vehicles.

While DCAB administers the statewide parking program for disabled persons, county police departments, the Department of Accounting and General Services, and the Department of Transportation are authorized to enforce the parking violations provisions found in Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 291, Part III Parking for Disabled Persons. However, one of the more common complaints DCAB receives is from people who observe a vehicle parked in a reserved accessible space without a disability parking permit, contact an enforcement agency, and discover that the agency is unable to respond in a timely manner. Thus, increasing the number of agencies and persons who are authorized to issue citations will help to alleviate this situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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Statement of  
**CHRIS TATUM**



Hawai'i Tourism Authority  
before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Monday, February 24, 2020  
2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room #325

In consideration of  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 2253 HD1**  
**RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE**

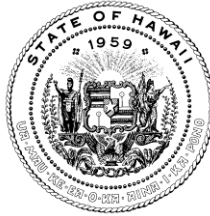
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Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the Committee on Judiciary: the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **supports** House Bill 2253 HD1, which amends the statewide traffic code to allow for the chairperson of the BLNR and county chiefs of police to designate state or county employees or contractors to issue citations for certain traffic violations.

HB2253 HD1 would help to improve public safety by strengthening the enforcement of special no stopping, standing or parking zones throughout Hawai'i – some areas of which are frequented by visitors. We realize there's a shortage of police officers, and that in certain areas, especially rural ones, it can be difficult to cite all of the vehicles that are illegally parked. This would give law enforcement some much needed help.

It is for these reasons that the HTA **supports** HB2253 HD1. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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SUZANNE D. CASE  
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Chairperson

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Before the House Committee on  
JUDICIARY

Monday, February 24, 2020  
2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2253, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE

House Bill 2253, House Draft 1 proposes to amend the statewide traffic code to allow for the Chairperson of Board of Land and Natural Resources and county chiefs of police to designate state or county employees or contractors to issue citations for traffic violations. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The number of visitors who visit State parks, trails, and scenic areas has increased steadily, resulting in visitors parking illegally on State highways in remote areas. This impacts not only those areas, but also adjacent communities, private lands, and road corridors servicing these attractions. Unlike the State Airport and Harbor Divisions of the Department of Transportation, the Highway Division does not have an enforcement branch.

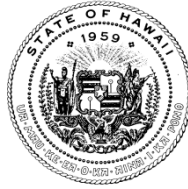
The Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE), along with City and County police departments provide needed enforcement in special no stopping, standing, or parking zones along state highways adjacent to our State Park areas such as at Hā'ena and Waimea Canyon State Parks on Kaua'i, and the parks and waysides along the Hāna Highway on Maui.

Due to the shortage of law enforcement officers throughout the State, the State and City and Counties would like the flexibility of assigning other state and city and county employees, as well as contracted parking vendors to cite illegally parked cars in designated special no stopping, standing, or parking zones along State Highways.

This bill proposes to provide the Department with an additional management tool and will ultimately improve safety for all highway users and pedestrians and minimize negative impacts of illegally parked cars to surrounding neighborhoods and off-limits areas. It will also have the

ancillary benefit of freeing up law enforcement officers for criminal and resource violations deemed more critical than simple parking infractions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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**H.B. 2253, H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE**

House Committee on Judiciary

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2253, H.D. 1 which proposes to amend the statewide traffic code to allow for the Chairperson of Board of Land and Natural Resources and County Chiefs of Police to designate state or county employees or contractors to issue citations for traffic violations.

Certain locations on the State Highway system are located in the vicinity of recreation areas which are attractions to residents and visitors alike. Many of these attractions lack adequate facilities to accommodate the often-heavy demand for parking, and as a result, vehicles are often parked along the State highway in locations which result in hazards to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. In response, HDOT has coordinated with local law enforcement in the establishment of No Parking zones to address these hazards. While local law enforcement has played a significant role in supporting the No Parking zones by issuing citations, resources are limited such that regular enforcement of the No Parking zones is not feasible. H.B. 2253, H.D. 1 provides an opportunity for additional manpower to issue parking citations in these areas, which will enhance the safety of the State Highways for all users.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR  
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Testimony of Michael A. Dahilig  
Managing Director, County of Kauai

Before the  
House Committee on Judiciary  
February 24, 2020; 2:00 pm  
Conference Room 325

In consideration of  
House Bill 2253 HD1  
Relating to the Traffic Code

Honorable Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kauai **strongly supports** HB 2253 HD1 which amends the statewide traffic code to allow for the chairperson of the BLNR and county chiefs of police to designate state or county employees or contractors to issue citations for traffic violations.

As stated in previous testimony, our state and county parks and beaches are overwhelmed with residents and visitors alike. Often parking restrictions or regulations are not in place or are ignored by people eager to enjoy our great outdoors whether it be our beautiful hiking trails or sandy beaches. With this, cars are often left dangerously parked on our state highways and county roads.

With a shortage in police officers in our Kauai Police Department and on police forces across our islands, we are challenged with addressing these parking violations. By adding capacity with designated state, city and county employees' ability to cite cars parked or stopped in violation of state traffic laws, we may tackle and deter these behaviors.

We are grateful for the assistance the Legislature has provided thus far in protecting resource areas that are heavily impacted by tourism, and appreciate this next step in providing the needed tools to adequately manage and protect our sensitive places while addressing community safety.

Thank you for your consideration in passing this measure.





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TODD G. RAYBUCK  
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**LATE**

Testimony of Todd G. Raybuck  
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Kaua'i Police Department

Before the  
House Committee on Judiciary  
February 24, 2020; 2:00 pm  
Conference Room 325

In consideration of  
House Bill 2253 HD1  
Relating to the Traffic Code

Honorable Chair Lee, Honorable Vice Chair Buenaventura and Members of the Committee:

The Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) **strongly supports** House Bill 2253 HD1, which amends the statewide traffic code to allow for the chairperson of the BLNR and county chiefs of police to designate state or county employees or contractors to issue citations for traffic violations.

As stated in previous testimony, Kaua'i has seen a drastic increase in parking violations, particularly on the North Shore of Kauai. The parking violations cause a potentially unsafe situation for motorists and pedestrians and have the potential to delay emergency response due to the congestion caused by the illegal parking.

The State of Hawaii Highways Division does not have an enforcement branch; therefore, the KPD has been the primary entity enforcing parking violations to keep residents and visitors safe. However, as does most law enforcement agencies throughout the Nation, KPD has limited resources. The KPD is unable to consistently enforce parking violations due to the volume of critical calls for service experienced daily, coupled with a shortage of personnel.



Having the ability to designate other State or County employees or a contractor with authority to issue citations for traffic violations, would allow for more consistent enforcement of parking violations, thereby increasing public safety and freeing up police resources to address critical calls for service.

For these reasons the Kauai Police Department **strongly supports** House Bill 2253 HD1.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd G. Raybuck". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of each name being prominent and the last name ending in a long, sweeping underline.

Todd G. Raybuck  
Chief of Police  
Kaua'i Police Department





**HB-2253-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 7:54:28 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/24/2020 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chipper Wichman	National Tropical Botanical Garden	Support	No

Comments:

I am STONGLY in support of HB 2253 HD1 (Meter maid Bill) as it will provide new tools to help our community deal with the excessive number of cars whose drivers completely disregard the no parking zones set up to ensure the safety of the public and help manage visitor numbers in our community. I am testifying today as the President of the National Tropical Botanical Garden which operates four botanical gardens in Hawaii including two that are heavily impacted by illegally parked cars. Limahuli Garden and Preserve located on the north shore of Kauai is located immediately adjacent to HÅ•'ena State Park and has been very involved (as I have been personally) with establishing the No Parking Zones in HÅ•'ena to help manage the thousands of visitors that overwhelm our community every day.

While our situation maybe a great example, we are not the only community dealing with this. The number of tourists who visit State parks, trails, and scenic areas has increased steadily, resulting in visitors parking illegally on State highways in many remote areas around the State. Unlike the State Airport and Harbor Divisions, the Highway division does not have an enforcement branch. City and County police departments provide needed enforcement in special no stopping, standing, or parking zones along State highways. Due to the shortage of police officers throughout the State, the State and City and Counties would like the flexibility of assigning other state and city and county employees to cite illegally parked cars in designated special no stopping, standing, or parking zones along State Highways. This bill will ultimately improve safety for all highway users and pedestrians and minimize negative impacts of illegally parked cars to surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank you for your support of HB2253 HD1 it will make a huge difference!!!!

Aloha, Chipper

Chipper Wichman, Ph.D., FLS, President

NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

**HB-2253-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 8:11:51 AM

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

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this bill. I am in strong support of this bill.

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**LATE**

**HB-2253-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 8:40:53 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/24/2020 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly urge you to support HB 2253 HD1.

Illegal parking has for many years created serious congestion and safety problems on Kauai's north shore. This problem cannot be solved by instituting higher fines for illegal parking, as it is widely-known that the County of Kauai lacks enough police officers to give priority to enforcement of parking regulations. This encourages drivers to ignore parking regulations, as they are secure in the knowledge that it is very unlikely that they will be cited.

By enabling qualified parties other than police officers to issue citations, HB2253 HD1 would bring credibility to the state's parking regulations, thereby increasing compliance with those regulations, and reducing congestion and increasing safety along the affected highways and roads.

For these reasons, please vote in favor of HB2553 HD1.