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

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House Bill 2253, House Draft 1, Senate 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, S.D. 1
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The Highways Division of the Hawaii Department of Transportation **supports** H.B. 2253, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 which will enhance safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians on highways in the State of Hawaii.

No parking zones serve the function of allowing highway users to safely maneuver in locations where parking would otherwise restrict space and create hazardous situations for highway users competing for the same space. Maintaining adequate safe sight distances also requires the establishment of no parking zones where parked vehicles would otherwise block drivers' view planes.

Without enforcement, the effectiveness of no parking zones tends to diminish. Law enforcement agencies are already tasked with addressing many competing needs. This bill will provide an additional source of manpower to assist in enforcement of the Traffic Code to cite illegally parked vehicles, enhancing safety and improving quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

House Bill 2253, HD1, SD1 – Relating to the Traffic Code

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) **SUPPORTS** House Bill 2253, HD1, SD1. This bill would authorize the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources to designate state employees or contractors, and the county police chiefs to designate county employees or contractors, as empowered to cite vehicles for certain traffic code violations.

While DCAB administers the statewide parking program for people with disabilities, only the county police and the Department of Accounting and General Services are authorized to enforce the provisions found in Hawaii Revised Statutes 291 Part III. One of the most 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. Expanding the number of people who are authorized to issue citations will help to alleviate this situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

KIRBY L. SHAW
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HB-2253-SD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Imperato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly urge you to **support** HB 2253 HD1 SD1.

As stated in my earlier testimony on previous drafts of this bill, 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 SD1 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 SD1.



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Testimony of Michael A. Dahilig
Managing Director, County of Kauai

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In consideration of
House Bill 2253 HD1 SD1
Relating to the Traffic Code

Honorable Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kauai **strongly supports** HB 2253 HD1 SD1 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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Testimony of Todd G. Raybuck
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In consideration of
House Bill 2253 HD1 SD1
Relating to the Traffic Code

Honorable Chair Rhoads, Honorable Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

The Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) **strongly supports** House Bill 2253 HD1 SD1, 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.

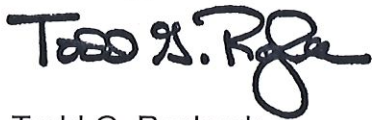


Having the ability to designate other State or County employees or a contractor with authority to issue citations for traffic violations, would allow for more consistent enforcement of parking violations, thereby increasing public safety and freeing up police resources to address critical calls for service.

For these reasons the Kauai Police Department **strongly supports** House Bill 2253 HD1 SD1.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd G. Raybuck". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "T" and "R".

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

