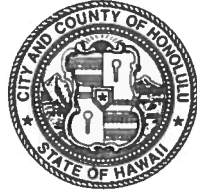


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February 1, 2019

The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 423  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 325, Relating to Driving While Intoxicated

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

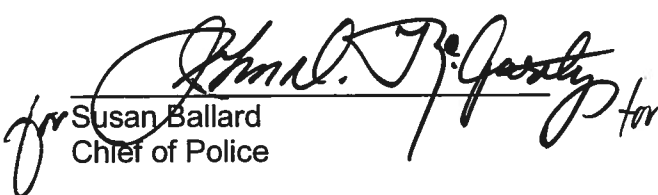
The HPD opposes the passage of House Bill No. 325, Relating to Driving While Intoxicated. This bill would repeal the minimum and maximum allowable fines for people convicted of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant (OVUII). Currently, judges routinely only give a minimum fine of \$150 to first time OVUII offenders. The deterrent effect of being convicted of OVUII would be lessened with the removal of the minimum allowable fine. As defined in Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 706-640, the maximum allowable fine for a petty misdemeanor of an OVUII charge would still be \$1,000.

The HPD urges you to oppose House Bill No. 325, Relating to Driving While Intoxicated.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

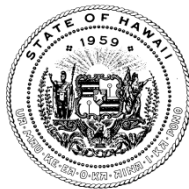
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Sincerely,

  
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Andre Peters, Acting Captain  
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**H.B. 325**  
**RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 325.

Driving under the influence of an intoxicant is a serious crime. Intoxication is a contributing factor to over 50% of the fatalities that occur on Hawaii roads annually. The consequences of this destructive behavior should be enhanced appropriately.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony

**HB-325**

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 11:03:48 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerald Jay D. Ganaden	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-325**

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 9:42:54 PM

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

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

Comments:

Driving while intoxicated is unacceptable.

These fines should be increased. Drivers who are intoxicated/impaired are responsible for many of the crashes on our roadways, especially the fatal crashes.

Hawaii has the lowest DUI fines in all 50 states. That is unacceptable.

The fines for DUI need to be increased. These fines should be able to cover all of the administrative costs associated with these offenses. These fines should also demonstrate that Hawaii values saving lives and preventing future traffic crashes caused by intoxicated/impaired drivers.

I do not want drunk drivers on our roads. Increase the fines and increase enforcement.



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To: Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair, House Committee on  
Transportation; Rep. Troy M. Hashimoto, Vice Chair; and members of  
the Committee

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

Re: House Bill 325 – Relating to Driving While Intoxicated

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I am Carol McNamee, offering testimony on behalf of MADD Hawaii (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) in support of House Bill 325, Relating to Driving While Intoxicated.

This bill suggests a change in the fine that may be imposed on a first time OVUII offender. MADD suggests that (C) (iii) read:

*A fine of not less than \$300 but not more than \$1000;*

MADD urges the committee to pass HB 325 to increase the very low fine for first offenders. The current minimum amount has not been increased in many years, if not decades. We doubt that \$150 is enough to be a real deterrent to those who choose to drink and drive.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-325**

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 6:22:11 PM

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

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

Comments:



Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
Rep. Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair

Re In SUPPORT of HB325, Relating to Driving While Intoxicated

Hawaii Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking (HPPUD) is a coalition to address the problem of underage drinking in the State of Hawaii. The members of the coalition represent county, state, and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, private businesses, and community residents concerned with the health of Hawaii's youth.

At the present time you can be fined a minimum of \$150 for driving under the influence compared to a minimum of \$250 for a cellphone violation. This measure proposes an appropriate penalty for driving under the influence.

HPPUD supports passage of this measure.

**Cynthia Okazaki**  
Co-Chair  
Hawaii Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking