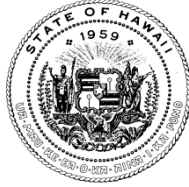


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S.B. 2166
RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports with an amendment** S.B. 2166 which requires vehicles on certain areas of Hana highway, behind which a certain number of vehicles are formed in a line, to use turnouts on the highway to let those other vehicles proceed when passing is unsafe.

We request SECTION 2.(d) be revised to read as follows:

(d) Upon any two-lane roadway providing for two-way movement of traffic, any vehicle proceeding at less than the speed limit where passing or overtaking another vehicle is not possible or permitted, and a line of five or more vehicles following immediately behind, shall move off the roadway at the nearest location where sufficient space exists for trailing vehicles to overtake.

This revision will improve operational efficiency and minimize road rage statewide. Additionally, the DOT cannot erect signs to direct motorists to use areas we do not own the right-of-way like along Hana Highway.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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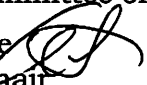


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TO: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Alice L. Lee 
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JANUARY 29, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2166, RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to promote traffic safety on Hāna Highway by requiring drivers of lead vehicles between mile markers 00 and 34, to use turnouts and allow vehicles to pass under certain circumstances.

This measure is in the Maui County Legislative Package; therefore, I offer this testimony on behalf of the Council.

The Maui County Council supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. Unsafe driving conditions may be created on two-lane roadways where the lead vehicle is moving slowly, with a backup of vehicles behind it, and traffic moving in the opposite direction makes it hazardous to pass. This situation is frequently encountered on the road to Hāna, where visibility around turns is inhibited.
2. Requiring the driver of the lead vehicle with five or more vehicles behind it to turn off the roadway will prevent collisions.

For the foregoing reasons, the Maui County Council **supports** this measure.

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