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S.B. 2401, S.D. 1 RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

Senate Committee(s) on Transportation & Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 2401, S.D. 1 which repeals several exemptions from the prohibition on operating a pickup truck with a passenger seated in the bed or load-carrying area, including the exemption that allows passengers over 12 years of age to ride in the bed or load-carrying area.

According to Fatal Analysis Reporting System, from 2015 through 2019, there were two roadway crashes that resulted in four fatalities on our roadways due to the victims riding in the bed of a truck.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Dela Cruz, and Members:

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SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2401, S.D. 1, Relating to Traffic Violations

I am Acting Major Gordon Lum Kee of District 7 (East Honolulu) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 2401, S.D. 1, Relating to Traffic Violations. This legislation will prevent injuries and the loss of lives when unsecured passengers are ejected from pickup truck beds during motor vehicle collisions and emergency maneuvers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

Gordon Lum Kee, Acting Major District 7 (East Honolulu)

APPROVED:

Susan Ballard Chief of Police