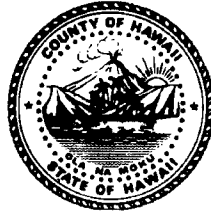


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February 12, 2019

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

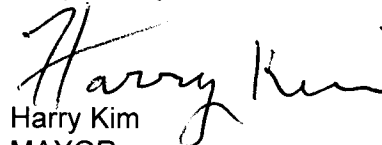
**RE: SB 565 Relating to Vision Zero**

Hawai'i County is in support of Vision Zero, and in fact had a proclamation signing for Vision Zero about the same time this bill was being heard in a prior committee.

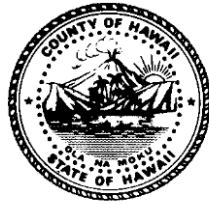
We appreciate the broad partnerships fostered by this legislation, and we will look forward to participating in whatever Task Force is established.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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## **County of Hawai'i**

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

February 13, 2019

Testimony by  
**MICHAEL YEE**  
**Director, County of Hawai'i Planning Department**  
before the  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**Thursday, February 14, 2019, 10:00 A.M.**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 211**  
In consideration of  
**SB 565**  
**Relating to Vision Zero**

On February 1, 2019, Mayor Kim signed a proclamation adopting Vision Zero principles and the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities on Hawai'i Island. On February 5, 2019, the Hawai'i County Council followed with the introduction of a resolution adopting Vision Zero. On February 20, 2019, Hawai'i County will launch its first Vision Zero Task Force meeting. Hawai'i County hopes the State will adopt Vision Zero and provide the necessary leadership to assist our efforts to eliminate traffic fatalities.

Adoption of SB 565 would create a state-wide goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and provide leadership at the state level that will support the efforts of counties that are already pursuing Vision Zero.

February 14, 2019

**RE: Support SB 565 Relating to Vision Zero**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, & Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Mahalo for hearing this measure that calls for better ways to address the tragic deaths on our state and local roads. We support SB 565.

Brought to Hawaii by HMSA, Blue Zones Project helps increase the overall well-being of our communities to make Hawaii a healthier, happier place to live, work, and play. To accomplish that goal, we address ways to lower obesity rates, tobacco use, and chronic diseases.

At Blue Zones, we support people moving naturally throughout their day. Currently, our shared public right of ways discourage natural movement. In 2018, 43 pedestrians were killed compared to 38 motorists, and in total road deaths, 117 people were killed. There needs to be a radical, comprehensive, systematic approach to addressing safety on our roads. By working together, we can increase the safety for all road users. Vision Zero is a holistic approach to safety through the implementation policies, use data, effective street design, driver education, and pedestrian awareness.

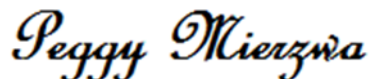
Vision Zero approach identifies the places where the highest incidences of fatalities occur, and then utilizes polices and best practices to systematically address the deadly situations. Our roadways need to be made safe for our most vulnerable users. The counties have already started this work.

This bill requires the state to implement Vision Zero and work toward the elimination of traffic deaths. It calls for working in conjunction with the counties. This communication piece is vital to ensure success. The collaborative nature of Vision Zero is part of its success. Government working with highly invested groups such as law enforcement and AARP, as well as other community groups, to identify systematic and policy changes to change the current trend.

The time has come to more effectively address road safety. Many people have been working together to achieve a safer community. This measure is another step toward success.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of SB565.

Sincerely,



Peggy Mierzwa  
Blue Zones Project—Hawaii

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**SB-565**

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 8:26:48 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/14/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol R. Ignacio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Vision Zero will help us save lives. Please pass this bill.

Mahalo.

Carol R. Ignacio

Hawaii Island

**SB-565**

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:29:20 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/14/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kathleen Davenport	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-565**

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:09:08 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/14/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Molly Mamaril	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-565**

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 12:33:49 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/14/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaimana Brummel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**SB-565**

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 1:37:36 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/14/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kirstin Kahaloa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**SB-565**

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Testimony for WAM on 2/14/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laksmi M Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-565**

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 2:57:28 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/14/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carissa Holley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Vision Zero! With the advent of our cell phones, we have more and more distracted drivers on the roads. Drunk driving is still prevalent. We need to act on these, and be able to build infrastructure and education to reduce traffic fatalities. Our roads were not initially built around the use of this many cars, pedestrians, and other distractions. We need a plan in place, and it needs to happen now.

February 12, 2019

**RE: SUPPORT for SB565**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you taking time to read my testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB565, requiring the Department of Transportation to implement a Vision Zero program

As a public health professional that drives a car, bikes, and walks throughout urban Honolulu, I cannot stress how important it is that we prioritize street safety for the benefit of our entire community. I recently attended the vigil for the three pedestrian lives lost at the recent horrible crash in Kaka'ako, both to pay my respects and raise attention to the fact that we can do more to prevent such crashes. Through better street engineering, enforcement, education, evaluation, and policy changes, we can work across sectors to address this major issue, and I strongly believe Vision Zero provides an effective framework to do so.

Vision Zero is a collaborative, comprehensive road traffic safety program founded in Sweden that aims for zero traffic fatalities or serious injuries. Since its founding, Sweden has become a leader in road safety and has seen traffic fatalities cut in half from 1996 to 2016. This multidisciplinary approach brings together local leaders in health, traffic engineering, and law enforcement to create policies and practices to improve the safety of travel.

Vision Zero has since been adopted by over 20 major U.S. cities since 2014, including New York City, San Francisco, Washington D.C., and Austin. After adopting Vision Zero, San Francisco benefited from a 41% reduction in pedestrian deaths from 2013 (a year before Vision Zero was implemented) to 2017, a year that the city recorded the lowest traffic fatalities since 1915. Since implementing Vision Zero in 2014, New York City has benefitted from four consecutive years of declining traffic fatalities, ending 2017 as the safest year on record with a 28% decline in traffic fatalities and a 45% decline in pedestrian deaths from 2013 (a year before Vision Zero was implemented) to 2017.

Again, I strongly support polices that make places where people live, work and play safer, and encourage this committee to pass SB565. Street fatalities and serious injuries are preventable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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Subject: Support SB565

Dear Senator Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

My name is Kari Benes and I am the Chair of the Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The Strategic Highway Safety Plan Core Committee has identified “Vision Zero policies and goals” as a priority for 2019.

Recent analysis by FARS ranks Hawaii as the 5<sup>th</sup> worst in the nation for speed-related driving fatalities.<sup>1</sup> In addition, 2008-2017 FARS data reveals Hawaii as being above the national average for alcohol-impaired driving fatalities for the entire decade. We currently rank the 5<sup>th</sup> worst in the nation for the percentage of alcohol-impaired driving fatalities.<sup>2</sup> We applaud the legislature for the desire to reverse this trend and work towards eliminating deaths on our roadways.

While the Strategic Highway Safety Plan has included a “Towards Zero Deaths” goal, a Vision Zero program outlined in both SB565 and SB1390 differs from traditional plans or programs, because it provides opportunities to work in collaboration with legislature in identifying and implementing life-saving solutions. This is important, because life-saving strategies often are found in new or revised policies.

The Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan is currently preparing to accommodate and include changes that this measure would imply if passed.

The Strategic Highway Safety plan’s vision is that all of Hawaii's road users arrive safely at their destinations. You can help us achieve our goal of reducing yearly fatalities, by continuing the discussion around this measure.

To view the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, go to [www.hawaiishsp.com](http://www.hawaiishsp.com)

Strategic Highway Safety Plan Mission

*Save lives and reduce injuries on Hawaii’s roadways through strategic partnerships and implementation of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.*

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<sup>1</sup> [https://icsw.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/fars/speeding\\_data\\_visualization/](https://icsw.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/fars/speeding_data_visualization/)

<sup>2</sup> <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812630>



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Date: February 13, 2019

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz Chair  
Senator Gil Keith- Agaran, Vice Chair  
Members of the Ways and Means Committee

Re: Support for SB565, Relating to Vision Zero

Hrg: February 14, 2019 at 10:00am at Conference Room 211

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The Obesity Prevention Task Force of the Hawai'i Public Health Institute<sup>i</sup> is in **Support of SB565**, which requires the Department of Transportation to implement a vision zero program in Hawaii by 7/1/2020.

We applaud the legislature's commitment to creating safer, more livable streets with the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and reducing severe injuries. Injuries are not accidents – they are predictable and preventable. Vision Zero is a growing movement in cities across the nation that focuses on improving transportation systems and infrastructure for vehicle traffic as well as for people who walk, ride bicycles, and use other forms of transportation. Vision Zero is a bold vision that is not only possible, but necessary.

HIPHI convenes Healthy Eating, Active Living coalitions in each county. HIPHI supports all efforts to improve the built environment to make our roads safer and to encourage active transportation such as walking and biking. Vision Zero is a bold vision that is not only possible, but necessary and we urge the State legislature to join Hawaii county and Maui county in getting to zero deaths.

We support efforts to adopt the goals of Vision Zero to help promote and improve pedestrian safety and mobility for all residents, and ask to pass SB565 out of committee.

Mahalo,

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Trish La Chica, MPA  
Policy and Advocacy Director

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<sup>i</sup> Created by the legislature in 2012, the Obesity Prevention Task Force is comprised of over 60 statewide organizations, and works to make recommendations to reshape Hawai'i's school, work, community, and health care environments, making healthier lifestyles obtainable for all Hawai'i residents. The Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) convenes the Task Force and supports and promotes policy efforts to create a healthy Hawai'i.

Hawai'i Public Health Institute is a hub for building healthy communities, providing issue-based advocacy, education, and technical assistance through partnerships with government, academia, foundations, business, and community-based organizations.

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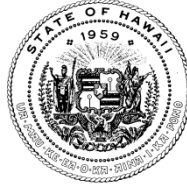
**SB-565**

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Testimony for WAM on 2/14/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Noelle Wright	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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February 14, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 211

**S.B 565**  
**RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent of S.B. 565.**

DOT, and our partners, lead the development of Hawaii's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The plan was a collaboration that involved traffic safety, public safety and public health experts from government, the private sector and community groups statewide. The strategies were developed through meetings of a broad group of stakeholders consisting of more than 150 representatives of local, state, federal and community organizations.

As with Vision Zero, the Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan has the vision that all Hawaii's road users arrive safely at their destinations.

DOT strongly believes that a strong multifaceted approach using legislation, enforcement and education is what is necessary to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries that are occurring on our State's roads. Furthermore, strong community and legislative support, in addition to establishing stronger laws, will result in the reduction of motor vehicle fatalities and injuries.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**SB-565**

Submitted on: 2/14/2019 8:21:58 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/14/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

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February 13, 2019

**Testimony Supporting SB565**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and esteemed members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Hawaii Bicycling League strongly supports Senate Bill 565, which makes Vision Zero the policy of the State and require the Hawaii Department of Transportation to develop a plan to achieve zero traffic deaths by 2030.

One-hundred and seventeen people died on Hawaii's streets in 2018. This was part of an ongoing epidemic of traffic violence. In 2017, 106 people died and in 2015 120 people died. Every one of these deaths is a preventable tragedy. This is, in the clearest of terms, a crisis facing our community. We deserve safety and we need bold action to stop traffic deaths and serious injuries.

Vision Zero is a bold policy declaration that we will not accept traffic deaths and that we can and must act to stop traffic deaths. The bold statement of Vision Zero must be backed by equally bold actions – dedicating resources to better understanding where and how traffic deaths and serious injuries are occurring, developing clear and specific plans for engineering, enforcement, and education actions, and most importantly, the resources to implement with the speed and urgency knowing that lives depend on it.

Thank you very much for considering the comments of Hawaii Bicycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, [Daniel@hbl.org](mailto:Daniel@hbl.org)) or Chad Taniguchi (808-255-8271).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

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Daniel Alexander  
Co-Executive Director  
Hawaii Bicycling League

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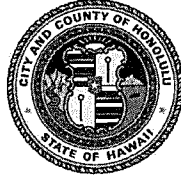
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February 14, 2019

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz  
and Members of the Senate  
Committee on Ways and Means  
State Capitol, Room 211  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Testimony on Senate Bill 565 - Relating to Vision Zero

The Department of Transportation Services supports this measure, and recognizes Vision Zero as a proven approach to prevent and ultimately eliminate traffic fatalities in Hawaii. Vision Zero is a welcomed departure from the status quo because it relies on data-driven strategies and places urgency and accountability on system designers and policymakers.

Vision Zero is a priority of the City and County of Honolulu. Our department is already implementing Vision Zero strategies through its Complete Streets Program and proposes a Vision Zero Action Plan to the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization to identify high crash locations, prioritize projects, and develop educational materials. The City Council has also adopted Resolution 18-219, *Urging the City Administration to Adopt the Goals, Strategies, and Policies of Vision Zero*.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

Very truly yours,

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Wes Frysztacki  
Director