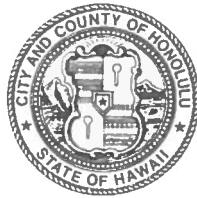


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March 2, 2021

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 287, S.D. 1, Relating to Vision Zero

I am Calvin Tong, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 287, S.D. 1, Relating to Vision Zero.

The HPD supports the proposal to implement a "Vision Zero" program in Hawaii. This program has been successfully implemented in several other major metropolitan cities. The "Vision Zero" program is designed to reduce fatalities and serious injuries resulting from traffic collisions. Any safety program that can help to keep our roadways safe should be considered.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 287, S.D. 1, Relating to Vision Zero.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

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Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

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Calvin Tong, Major  
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February 28, 2021

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary; Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair; and members of the Committee

From: Theresa Paulette, Victim Services - MADD Hawaii

Re: Senate Bill 287, SD1 – Relating to Vision Zero

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I am Theresa Paulette testifying on behalf of the members of Mothers Against Driving Hawaii in **support** of Senate Bill 287, SD1, Relating to Vision Zero. The long term goal of Vision Zero is to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries in Hawaii by 2045.

Along with local tactics or programs that could be adopted, the State could join in national initiatives that I referred to in my Star Advertiser Op Ed of February 23, 2021 – Technology Can Stop Drunk Driving:

“The auto industry developed driver monitoring systems, which can detect signs of distracted, impaired or fatigued driving, and alcohol detection systems, which use sensors to determine whether a driver is under the influence and then prevent the vehicle from moving. More than 9,400 lives could be saved annually by installing such systems in all new cars, according to an Insurance Institute for Highway Safety study.

It’s time to get these life saving systems out of the labs and into every vehicle on the road, to ensure that there will be no more victims of drunk driving.

To do that, we need Congress to act. In 2019, legislation was introduced in the House and Senate that would require the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to conduct a rulemaking that results in a requirement for drunk driving prevention systems in all new vehicles in the near future.”

Hawaii needs our leaders to work with and strongly encourage the decision makers in Washington to move ahead with this life saving program as vigorously and as quickly as possible.

MADD Hawaii **supports** SB 287, SD1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**SB-287-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 9:08:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/2/2021 9:35:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chad Taniguchi	Testifying for Hawaii Bicycling League	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaii Bicycling League strongly supports SB287SD1 which provides the date 2022 by which the state DOT shall implement a Vision Zero program, to target the date when ALL serious traffic injuries and deaths are eliminated (2045).

The idea is to make road travel as safe as air travel, by systematically and consistently improving infrastructure and procedures to prevent human error as much as possible, and, thereby stop the preventable deaths and life-altering injuries that occur now.

By requiring DOT to implement such a program by 2022, DOT will come up with plans, targets, and funding to reach zero serious injuries and deaths by 2045, just 25 years from now. As other countries and states have proven, Vision Zero is possible. It is possible that we can imagine safe streets and get there. If we have the will, vision, and plan to do it, we will.

This is a solid step forward with meaningful timetables. Please support this bill.



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Date: March 1, 2021

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: Support for SB 287, SD1, Relating to Vision Zero

Hrg: March 2, 2021 at 9:35 AM via Videoconference

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The Obesity Prevention Task Force of the Hawai'i Public Health Institute<sup>i</sup> is in **support of SB 287, SD1**, which requires the Department of Transportation to implement a vision zero program and establishes a goal of no traffic fatalities or serious injuries by 2045.

We applaud the legislature's commitment to creating safer, more livable streets with the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and reducing severe injuries. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Hawai'i had 108 traffic fatalities in 2019, with 52 involving speeding and 23 involving an intersection<sup>ii</sup>. In the same year, the Hawai'i State Legislature passed Act 134, which required the state and county transportation departments to adopt vision zero policies and a report with an action plan to reduce traffic fatalities to zero.

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.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of SB 287 SD1**, which will help promote and improve transportation safety and mobility for all residents.

Mahalo,

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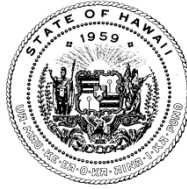
Jaylen Murakami  
Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator

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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.

<sup>ii</sup> National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Traffic Safety Performance (Core Outcome) Measures\* For Hawaii. Retrieved from <https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/stsi.htm#>



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**S.B. 287, S.D. 1  
RELATING TO VISION ZERO**

Senate Committee on Judiciary

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 287, S.D. 1 which requires the DOT to implement a vision zero program in Hawaii by July 1, 2022 and establishes a goal of no traffic fatalities or serious injuries by 2045.

The DOT supports all efforts to reduce motor vehicle fatalities on our roadways. The overwhelming majority of these senseless deaths and serious injuries are preventable.

From 2015 through 2019, there were 545 motor vehicle fatalities in Hawaii. During these years, the Hawaii Department of Health listed the top ten causes of injury-related deaths among Hawaii residents. Motor vehicle crashes for occupants ranked fourth, pedestrians ranked eighth and motorcyclists ranked ninth.

After a record year of 120 motor vehicle fatalities in 2018, the Hawaii State Legislature passed Act 134 on June 25, 2019, also known as the Vision Zero Act, requiring the DOT and County Transportation Departments to adopt a Vision Zero Policy and the State Highway Safety Council (SHSC) to submit a final report on the Vision Zero Action Plan to reduce traffic fatalities to zero. Act 134 repurposed the SHSC under Hawaii Revised Statutes 286 to focus on developing an action plan to reduce traffic fatalities to zero.

This report was completed and submitted to the DOT on October 12, 2020.

This action plan included but was not be limited to:

- (1) Policies on how to reduce speeds on state and county roads;
- (2) Engineering recommendations on how to increase vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety;
- (3) Data-driven enforcement recommendations on how to reduce speeding and operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant;
- (4) Additional steps that can be taken to eliminate vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle fatalities on the roadways;

- (5) An implementation plan; and
- (6) Establishment of measures to track success.

By adopting and implementing the SHSC's Vision Zero action plan, it will help the State towards its goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.