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**S.C.R. 120 / S.R. 24
URGING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF EACH
COUNTY, AN EXPANDED STATEWIDE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO
EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE'S "MOVE OVER LAW".**

Senate Committee(s) on Transportation
& Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports with concerns** these resolutions urging HDOT to develop and implement, in conjunction with the police department of each county, an expanded statewide public awareness campaign to educate the public about the state's "Move Over Law." Education is an important component of the strategy to reduce deaths and injury on Hawai'i roads, alongside enforcement and engineering.

HDOT is not able to fund an expanded Move Over Law campaign with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant funds that are used for programs such as WalkWise Hawaii due to grant requirements. State funds for expanded media campaigns are also limited. In fact, HDOT leveraged an in-kind donation from a film production to produce the YouTube video mentioned in the resolution text.

From the time Hawai'i Revised Statute (HRS) §291C-27 was enacted in June 2012, HDOT has engaged in actions to make the public aware of the law. The requirement for drivers approaching stopped emergency vehicles to move over or slow down to reduce the risk of injury and death for those tasked with responding to emergencies has featured heavily in HDOT's annual "Beat the School Jam" campaign, Department news releases¹, community awareness events, and in social media posts.

HDOT works with the county police departments and other stakeholders in communications on traffic safety and will continue to incorporate education on

¹ <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/hawaii-drivers-reminded-they-must-comply-with-the-move-over-law-requirement/>

HRS §291C-27 in our coordinated messaging which includes speed prevention, impaired driving and distracted driving awareness, pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, motorcycle safety, work zone awareness, and occupant protection.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Aloha,

I am in strong support of this bill and would like to see education follow through to the community regarding this law.

Mahalo,

Crystal Robello