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February 28, 2023 2:00 P.M. State Capitol, Room 325 & Videoconference

# H.B. 118 RELATING TO TRAFFIC FINES

House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation **supports** H.B. 118 to clarify that each county may, by ordinances, designate county highways where the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles are restricted or prohibited.

H.B. 118 will provide counties the option to use the state highway enforcement program on their highways where vehicles stopping, standing, or parking are creating an unsafe environment for road users.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

## Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i, and City & County of Honolulu

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# Testimony of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties H.B. No. 118 Relating to Traffic Fines

Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

The Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) supports H.B. 118, which amends Act 250, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, to allow the counties to designate by ordinance where the parking of vehicles are restricted or prohibited because of an increase in illegally parked vehicles that creates unsafe and hazardous conditions, gridlock, and complaints from the surrounding communities.

Act 250, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, established the state highway enforcement program, because of a surge in unsafe and hazardous problems caused by illegal parking, which became a problem because of the surge in visitor-created traffic parking problems in areas such as the Kuhio Highway, which is a state highway, on the island of Kaua'i. Act 250 added a surcharge to existing penalties for illegal parking, with fifty percent of the surcharge distributed to the county police department which enforces laws and ordinances relating to illegal parking on state highways.

Unsafe and hazardous problems caused by illegal parking are not just a problem on state highways. To further address the problems caused by illegal parking, H.B. 118 amends Act 250 to authorize the counties to designate by ordinance specific sections of county highways subject to stopping, standing, and parking laws to enforce illegal parking violations and provide for parking management improvements.

For these reasons, the Hawai'i State Association of Counties strongly supports H.B. 118, and requests your favorable consideration of this measure.

<u>HB-118</u> Submitted on: 2/24/2023 4:22:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/28/2023 2:00:00 PM

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## Comments:

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Comments:

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