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H.B. 2071, H.D. 1
RELATING TO PHOTO RED LIGHT IMAGING DETECTOR SYSTEMS

House Committee on Transportation

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** H.B. 2071, H.D. 1, which provides that any photo red light imaging detector system's clear and unobstructed recorded image of a motor vehicle license plate shall be prima facie evidence that the motor vehicle to which the license plate is attached is the motor vehicle for which the license plate was issued. Requires the State, the county, or the State's or county's third party contractor to implement a process to record the date on which the summons or citation was submitted to the post office, which shall be prima facie evidence of the date the summons or citation was submitted to the post office.

The HDOT's vendor is currently working on a process to record the date on which the summons or citations was submitted to the post office. The vendor is confident that the new process could be implemented by July 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

House Bill 2071 HD1 – Relating to Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Bill 2071 HD1 – Relating to Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems.

This bill would establish that any photograph, microphotograph, video, or other recorded image, produced by the system, that contains a clear and unobstructed image of a motor vehicle license plate shall be prima facie evidence that the motor vehicle to which the license plate is attached is the motor vehicle for which the license plate was issued.

Vehicles that fail to stop for a red light pose a danger for all pedestrians, but especially for pedestrians with certain disabilities. Persons who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices and persons of short stature are lower to the ground and are therefore less visible to drivers looking over the hood of their vehicles. Blind pedestrians rely on audio cues from traffic control devices and are unlikely to be able to take actions to avoid a car. In addition, pedestrians with a mobility disability – such as persons with arthritis, vascular and orthopedic conditions – may not have the agility or reflexive speed to get out of the way of an approaching vehicle.

Thank you for considering our position.

Respectfully submitted,

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HB-2071-HD-1

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Testimony for JHA on 2/8/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael A. Cobb Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the red light cameras on the basis that it only penalizes drivers. I see many pedestrians, skateboarders and cyclists going against the traffic signals on a regular basis. The laws are disregarded until something happens and someone gets hurt. Also what happens when a plate is stolen from a car and used on another car? On the evening of 2/6/2024 I saw a group of teens on skateboards zigging through traffic in the intersection of Vineyard and Lilliha and persons crossing out of turn. Crossing out of turn can cause cars to get stuck in the intersection on the red light. We were all taught not to start crossing on the blinking red hand countdown, most seem to forget that. Drivers will be stopping on green or hesitating because we can not predict if someone will cross illegally or not. Perhaps greater enforcement of jaywalk laws or increased fines for jaywalking.