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Coalition for a  
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Hawai'i Drug & Alcohol Free  
Coalitions

Hawai'i Farm to School Hui

Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition

Hawai'i Public Health Training Hui

Healthy Eating + Active Living

Kūpuna Food Security Coalition

Date: February 8, 2022

To: Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
Representative Greggor Ilagan, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Transportation

Re: Opposition to HB 2182, Relating to the State Highway Safety  
Council

Hrg: February 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM via videoconference

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The Hawai'i Public Health Institute<sup>i</sup> (HIPHI) is in **opposition to HB 2182**, which reduces the membership of the State Highway Safety Council from 20 to ten.

The State Highway Safety Council advises the Governor on matters relating to highway safety. Several of the seats are designated for state agency and county representatives, with up to 20 other members that can be appointed by the Governor. This measure reduces the number of other people on the council to ten, and could potentially reduce representation of the community on the council.

Hawai'i's communities are diverse and require representation on this council to ensure that transportation decisions meet their community's unique needs. These perspectives are necessary to make transportation more equitable, safe, convenient and comfortable for users of all ages and abilities, regardless of their mode of transportation. Instead of reducing seats on the council, efforts should be made to fill the vacancies.

For these reasons, HIPHI respectfully requests that the Committee defer HB 2182.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Fernandes'.

Amanda Fernandes, JD  
Policy and Advocacy Director

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<sup>i</sup> 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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Committee on Transportation  
Hawaii State House of Representatives

February 9, 2022

### **Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 2182**

RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL.

Reduces the membership of the State Highway Safety Council appointed by the Governor from twenty to ten.

Aloha Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Rep. Greggor Ilagan, and Committee Members,

I serve as the executive director of Kauai Path, Inc., an educational non-profit advocating for better walking and bicycling infrastructure to improve the health and wellness of our population while increasing Hawaii's appeal as a visitor destination.

In my capacity as an active transportation advocate, I have been appointed by Governors Abercrombie and Ige to represent Kauai on the State Highway Safety Council, and am currently on that council. We represent communities from around the state.

On June 25, 2019, the Hawaii State Legislature passed Act 134, also known as the Vision Zero Act. Act 134 repurposes the State Highway Safety Council under HRS 286 to focus on developing an action plan to reduce traffic fatalities to zero. I assert that the twenty individuals appointed by the Governor to this important body, given the serious threats to personal safety faced daily by vulnerable users on our roadways, is a minimal number.

Diminishing the Governor's appointments to only ten individuals will cripple the potential influence needed to make progress towards Hawaii's Vision Zero goal: reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries sustained on our streets, roads, and highways.

Please vote against this bill to sustain momentum towards a safer future for all of Hawaii's roadway users.

Mahalo,

/s Thomas A. Noyes  
Executive Director, Kauai Path, Inc.

**HB-2182**

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 7:51:29 AM

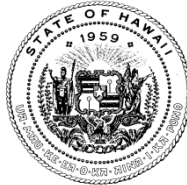
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Comments:

I am with the DOT and am available for comments.

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**H.B. 2182**  
**RELATING TO STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation strongly **supports** H.B. 2182, which reduces the membership of the State Highway Safety Council appointed by the Governor from 20 to 10.

The revised number better reflects the current membership, and the number of members that we have historically been able to fill. The elimination of positions will improve efficiency of the council. If this bill is approved, the change will not displace any current members.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.