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**H.B. 2336, H.D. 2**  
**RELATING TO THE PHOTO RED LIGHT IMAGING DETECTOR SYSTEMS**  
**PROGRAM**

House Committee on Finance

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2336, H.D. 2, which clarifies certain provisions in chapter 291J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to better reflect the legislative intent of the photo red light imaging detector systems program.

The DOT supports updating the current timetable for the photo red light imaging detector systems program to ensure the successful implementation of the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
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**State of Hawai'i**

February 23, 2022

**RE: H.B. 2336, H.D. 2; RELATING TO THE PHOTO RED LIGHT IMAGING  
DETECTOR SYSTEMS PROGRAM.**

Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Yamashita, and members of the House Committee on Finance, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu (“Department”) submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 2336, H.D. 2.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify various statutes related to the Red Light Imaging Detector Systems pilot program, and adjust funding and applicable dates to correlate with the pilot program’s current timeline.

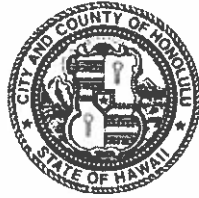
In 2019, the Department participated in a multi-agency red light running committee, convened by the State Department of Transportation – Highways Safety Division (“DOT”), pursuant to Act 131 (2019). Since that time, the Department has worked diligently with committee members, to anticipate any legal or procedural challenges, and prepare for its participation in the upcoming pilot program, which is scheduled to begin operating later this year.

The Department appreciates DOT’s leadership on this project, and believes that all changes proposed in H.B. 2336, H.D. 2, will help to clarify the Legislature’s intent for the Red Light Imaging Detector Systems pilot program. In addition, this bill would provide necessary adjustments to various dates and funding provisions, which will allow DOT to fund the anticipated influx of work to be handled by the Department.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports the passage of H.B. 2336, H.D. 2. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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February 23, 2022

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Finance  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 308  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke and Members:

**SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2336, H.D. 2, Relating to the Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems Program**

I am James Slayter, Acting Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 2336, H.D. 2, Relating to the Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems Program.

The HPD supports the proposal to clarify amendments to Chapter 291J of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to better reflect the legislative intent of the photo red light imaging detector systems program, including repealing or changing certain defenses to violations of the program. We also support the amendment of Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, to account for the current timetable of the photo red light imaging detector systems program.

We believe this system will allow our streets to be much safer with a visible 24-hour deterrent at our busiest intersections. This would free up law enforcement officers to respond to priority calls and would remove the safety risk involved in conducting traditional traffic stops during their tours of duty.

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and Members  
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The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 2336, H.D. 2, Relating to the Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
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