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

Senate Committee on Transportation

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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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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**  
**Thirty-First State Legislature**  
**Regular Session of 2022**  
**State of Hawai`i**

March 15, 2022

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

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, 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.

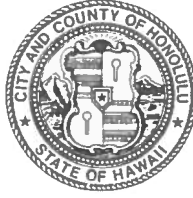
For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports the passage of H.B. 2336, H.D. 2. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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March 15, 2022

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 224  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

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

I am Andre Peters, Acting Captain 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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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,



Andre Peters, Acting Captain  
Traffic Division

APPROVED:



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Interim Chief of Police

**HB-2336-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2022 3:12:08 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/15/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Spying on the People is Illegal it is also a Violation of the Constution. This will result in You being put Behind Bars!!

TO: Members of the Committee on Transportation

FROM: Natalie Iwasa  
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HEARING: 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: HB2336, HD2 Red Light Imaging Detector Systems - **OPPOSED**

Aloha Chair Lee and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on HB2336, HD2, which revises the red light imaging detector system program. I oppose this bill and ask you to vote “no.”

This bill holds the registered owner – not the driver – of a vehicle responsible if the vehicle is photographed running a red light. This would be the case even if the car is stolen, and the owner has not been able to report it stolen prior to the violation.

Our legal system was built on the premise that people are innocent until proven guilty. As this bill is written, people are treated as guilty until they prove themselves innocent. That goes against the foundation of our legal system.

This bill also includes a special fund to be used by counties to administer the photo red light imaging detector system program. Special funds add to the cost of government, usually without equivalent benefits.

Please vote “**no**” on HB2336, HD2.