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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2339, HD1
MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DRUG AND
ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY SPECIAL FUND**

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: 3/1/2022

Room Number: Video Conference

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates \$2,000,000 from the state highway fund into the state drug
2 and alcohol toxicology laboratory special fund and provides that the funds will be expended by
3 the department of health for the purposes of this act. Any funds unspent by June 30, 2023 will
4 lapse back to the credit of the state highway fund.

5 **Department Testimony:** Support

6 **Offered Amendments:** None

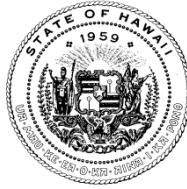
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10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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March 1, 2022
12:30 P.M.
State Capitol, Teleconference

H.B. 2339, H.D. 1
**RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DRUG
AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY SPECIAL FUND**

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2339, H.D. 1. This measure makes an emergency appropriation from the state highway fund to the Department of Health's (DOH) state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory special fund for fiscal year 2021-2022 and authorizes the DOH to expend funds from the special fund for the establishment of the state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory.

Act 196, which passed into law last legislative session, established the special fund. This bill is need to appropriate moneys from the state highway fund into the state drug and alcohol testing laboratory special fund and provide spending authority to the DOH to establish the state drug and alcohol, and toxicology testing laboratory.

The DOT is primarily concerned about improving highway safety and protecting the lives of our community members and visitors. Having a drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory within our State will provide law enforcement and adjudicators with the resources they need to protect our public from impaired drivers.

The DOT urges your support with H.B. 2339 H.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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March 1, 2022

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair
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From: Kurt Kendro, Chair, Public Policy Committee; Mothers Against Drunk Driving
(MADD) Hawaii

Re: House Bill 2339, HD-1, MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO
THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY
SPECIAL FUND

I am Kurt Kendro, Chair of MADD Hawaii's Public Policy Committee and retired Major from the Honolulu Police Department speaking on behalf of the members of MADD Hawaii Advisory Board in STRONG SUPPORT of House Bill 2339, HD-1.

Of the 50 states, Hawaii is the only state that does not have a State Drug and Alcohol Toxicology laboratory. This type of laboratory is essential in order to successfully prosecute offenders who are arrested for Operating a Vehicle under the Influence of an Intoxicant. Currently, if an offender is believed to be driving under the influence of drugs, a mainland company must test the blood or urine for the presence of drugs. Witnesses must then be brought to Hawaii to testify to obtain a conviction.

Passage of this bill will allow for an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the establishment of the state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory. Passage of this bill will help make our roadways safer for everyone.

MADD Hawaii STRONGLY SUPPORTS House Bill 2339, HD-1 and ask that this bill be passed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-2339-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Melody Euaparadorn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB2399 relating to waste management and establishes an Extended Producer Responsibility Program for the state . Let's make product manufactures responsible for reducing the increasing amount of consumer waste on our island!