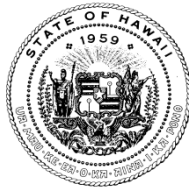


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S.B. 1086 S.D. 2 H.D.1
Relating to Transportation

House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 1086, S.D.2, H.D.1. This measure amends the composition and duties of the state highway safety council.

Since the passage of Act 100 the Department has taken a proactive approach to move in a timely and transparent manner as it relates to analyzing, planning, evaluating, and executing transportation projects.

The Department appreciates the willingness of the Legislature to consider a council that has been comprised of community and professionals from across the state to provide input into the transportation system that is being upgraded to serve everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DATE: March 23, 2023

TO: Representative David Tarnas
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Tiffany Yajima / Jena Matila

RE: **S.B. 1086, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 – Relating to Transportation**
Hearing Date: Friday, March 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 325

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs:

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The Alliance for Automotive Innovation is the singular, authoritative and respected voice of the automotive industry. Focused on creating a safe and transformative path for sustainable industry growth, the Alliance for Automotive Innovation represents the manufacturers producing nearly 99 percent of cars and light trucks sold in the U.S. Members include motor vehicle manufacturers, original equipment suppliers, technology, and other automotive-related companies and trade associations.

This measure diversifies the current composition of the State Highway Safety Council to be comprised of community members and professionals from across the state who are intended to provide input on the state’s transportation system and the state’s transportation policy goals.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Friday, March 24, 2023 — 2:00 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports SB 1086 SD2 HD1, Relating to Transportation.

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

Ulupono supports SB 1086 SD2 HD1, which amends the composition and duties of the State Highway Safety Council.

Nationwide, traffic fatalities are the highest they have been in 16 years and are generally expected to continue to increase, mostly due to auto-centric road design, reduced peak congestion, and increasing larger and heavier vehicles.¹ Hawai'i is also experiencing this same troubling trend. In 2014, there were 95 deaths in Hawai'i, while in 2022 there were 117 deaths.² Last year alone, Hawai'i County's fatalities tripled in just one year.³ In addition, people walking and biking are demonstrably more at risk—Hawai'i ranks 13th among the most dangerous states for pedestrians, a ranking that has worsened over the past 20 years.⁴

As Hawai'i's transportation needs are increasingly complex and challenging, we appreciate this committee's efforts to look at bolstering safety policies for all ground transportation users.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

¹ <https://www.vox.com/22675358/us-car-deaths-year-traffic-covid-pandemic>

² Hawaii Department of Health

³ <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/safe-communities/>

⁴ <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/>