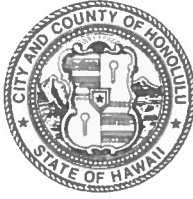


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February 9, 2021

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: Senate Bill No. 287, Relating to Vision Zero

I am Calvin Tong, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 287, Relating to Vision Zero.

The HPD supports the proposal to implement a "Vision Zero" program in Hawaii. This program has been successfully implemented in several other major metropolitan cities. The "Vision Zero" program is designed to reduce fatalities and serious injuries resulting from traffic collisions. Any safety program that can help to keep our roadways safe should be considered.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 287, Relating to Vision Zero.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

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Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

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Calvin Tong, Major
Traffic Division



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Date: February 8, 2021

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Transportation Committee

Re: Support for SB 287, Relating to Vision Zero

Hrg: February 9, 2021 at 3:05 PM in Conference Room 224

The Obesity Prevention Task Force of the Hawai'i Public Health Instituteⁱ is in **Support of SB 287**, which requires the Department of Transportation to implement a vision zero program and establishes a goal of no traffic fatalities or serious injuries by 2030.

We applaud the legislature's commitment to creating safer, more livable streets with the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and reducing severe injuries. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Hawai'i had 108 traffic fatalities in 2019, with 52 involving speeding and 23 involving an intersectionⁱⁱ. In the same year, the Hawai'i State Legislature passed Act 134, which required the state and county transportation departments to adopt vision zero policies and a report with an action plan to reduce traffic fatalities to zero.

Injuries are not accidents — they are predictable and preventable. Vision Zero is a growing movement in cities across the nation that focuses on improving transportation systems and infrastructure for vehicle traffic as well as for people who walk, ride bicycles, and use other forms of transportation. Vision Zero is a bold vision that is not only possible, but necessary.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of SB 287**, which will help promote and improve transportation safety and mobility for all residents.

Mahalo,

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Jaylen Murakami
Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator

ⁱ Created by the legislature in 2012, the Obesity Prevention Task Force is comprised of over 60 statewide organizations, and works to make recommendations to reshape Hawai'i's school, work, community, and health care environments, making healthier lifestyles obtainable for all Hawai'i residents. The Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) convenes the Task Force and supports and promotes policy efforts to create a healthy Hawai'i.

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.

ⁱⁱ National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Traffic Safety Performance (Core Outcome) Measures* For Hawaii. Retrieved from <https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/stsi.htm#>

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February 8, 2021

Hawaii Senate Transportation Committee

RE: SB 287 Vision Zero

Aloha Committee Members,

Hawaii Bicycling League strongly supports the creation of a State Vision Zero program by July 1, 2022.

Death rates for vulnerable road users are at unacceptable levels. The creation of Vision Zero programs in other states has been proven to reduce these deaths. It would be unconscionable not to take actions that will make our State safer for all residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this important Bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori L. McCarney". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lori L McCarney
Executive Director

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Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:32:53 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/9/2021 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Taniguchi	Testifying for Hawaii Bicycling League	Support	No

Comments:

SB287 provides the date 2022 by which the state DOT shall implement a Vision Zero program, to target the date when ALL serious traffic injuries and deaths are eliminated (2030).

The idea is to make road travel as safe as air travel, by consistently improving infrastructure and procedures to prevent human error as much as possible, and, thereby stop the preventable deaths and life-altering injuries that occur now.

By requiring DOT to implement such a program by 2022, DOT will come up with plans, targets, and funding to reach zero serious injuries and deaths by 2030, just 9 years from now. If in the process of planning, DOT realizes that a later date is more feasible, it can recommend that to future legislatures.

This is a solid step forward with meaningful timetables. Please support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:33:26 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/9/2021 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Rogers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this legislation.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:39:14 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/9/2021 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strong support. Our highways managed by HDOT are extremely dangerous, with highways being turned into freeways, and little or no provision for pedestrian or bike safety. Adoption of a vision zero plan would be a good first step to designing roads that are safe for all modes of transportation.