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H.B. 1112
RELATING TO TRUCK BEDS

House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B.1112 which repeals several exemptions from the prohibition on operating a pickup truck with a passenger seated in the bed or load—carrying area, including the exemption that allows passengers over 12 years of age to ride in the bed or load—carrying area.

University of Hawaii's Winter 2022 Seat Belt report stated there were a total of 14,362 trucks observed throughout the entire daytime Seat Belt study. Of the 14,362 trucks observed state-wide, 138 trucks approximately 1 percent contained occupants in the truck bed. Of the 138 trucks observed with occupants in the truck bed, 31 contained children under the age of 12.

According to Fatal Analysis Reporting System, from 2019 to 2022, there were two roadway crashes that resulted in one fatality and two injured due to the victims riding in the bed of a truck.

Truck beds are not designed to safely transport occupants. This measure would encourage more passengers to ride in the appropriate seating positions within a vehicle.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:41:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE: Many families in rural Maui County can only afford a single vehicle for family use. Often times, that vehicle is a pickup truck. The proposed ammendments will punish families that are unable to obtain a second vehicle.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 3:44:18 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tony frascarelli	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2023 7:35:32 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kealii Arakaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it will create transportation hardships for myself as well as buisneses especially in rural communities. Mahalo!