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3:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Room 324 & Videoconference

H.B. 1319 H.D. 2
RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Department of Transportation **supports** H.B. 1319 H.D. 2 to allow operators of bicycles, motorcycles, or mopeds to proceed on a red light when vehicle detection device does not trigger traffic signal for their approach between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

H.B. 1319 H.D. 2 will establish operator responsibilities for bicycles, motorcycles, or mopeds to continue through the intersection in a safe manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 1, 2023

The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and
Hawaiian Affairs
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1319, H.D. 1, Relating to the Traffic Code

I am Stason Tanaka, Acting Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes House Bill No. 1319, H.D. 1, Relating to the Traffic Code.


The HPD opposes this bill that would allow operators of bicycles, motorcycles, and mopeds to proceed through an intersection on a steady red signal during certain hours if the traffic signal is controlled by a vehicle detection device that is inoperative due to the size or composition of the bicycle, motorcycle, or moped.


If this bill were to pass, it could increase the chance of a collision, as a result of motorists not expecting bicyclists, motorcycles, or mopeds to be crossing at an intersection against a red signal.

The HPD urges you to oppose House Bill No. 1319, H.D. 1, Relating to the Traffic Code. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,


Arthur J. Logan
Chief of Police


Stason Tanaka, Acting Major
Traffic Division

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Submitted on: 3/12/2023 6:18:49 AM

Testimony for TCA on 3/14/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Willie larry jr	Testifying for Indian Motorcycle Rider's Group	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Indian Motorcycle Riders Group is in full support of this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2023 9:15:30 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/14/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ikuko Watkins	Testifying for SBU	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass HB1319. This will increase the safety for my husband and other riders. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2023 8:08:36 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/14/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tish Rothwell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. Although I don't believe it should be between the hours of 11pm and 5am. Those hours have limited light. Bicycles, mopeds and motorcycles travel at all hours of the day. A dead red light can take sometimes 3-4 cycles before turning green.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2023 10:27:23 AM

Testimony for TCA on 3/14/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Curtis Bautista	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. As a motorcycle rider there have been lights that don't read my motorcycle causing me to have to wait over 10-15 min before I have to find alternate routes around that light. To be fair if the sensors are fixed I wouldn't be submitting this testimony to pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2023 8:21:57 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/14/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Bill.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2023 10:54:16 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/14/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Booker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. I ride a 600 lb motorcycle, but it's still easy to miss the sensors for traffic lights. Late at night there is often little or no traffic, so I can't wait for someone else to come along to trip the sensor. The sensors are generally in the middle of the lane, so they also collect oil leaks from waiting cars, which is very hazardous for two wheeled vehicles. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2023 2:15:56 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/14/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor Beebe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen. I am submitting this Testimony to support HB1319 HD2. Please accept my Testimony. Thank you

Victor Beebe

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Submitted on: 3/14/2023 9:17:33 AM

Testimony for TCA on 3/14/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
George Marantz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have many times sat at a regulated intersection, alone without another vehicle insight, waiting for the signal to allow me to cross the intersection. This occurs even though the intersection is monitored by DOT Traffic Cameras. So I must wait idle, wasting time and fuel. At this point I think that intersection should be treated as if it is only regulated by stop signs and to proceed with caution.

Sincerely, George Marantz