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H.B. 541, H.D. 1
RELATING TO VEHICLE SAFETY

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 541, H.D. 1, which requires proper head lamp specifications for vehicle safety inspections.

The DOT supports this effort to ensure that all vehicle safety equipment is properly maintained to provide maximum safety benefit for all roadway users.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TO: Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

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HEARING: 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2023

SUBJECT: HB 541, HD1 and Proposed SD1 - Headlamps and Safety Checks -
SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Lee and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 541, HD1, which would require proper headlamp specifications for vehicle safety inspections. The Proposed SD1 would also allow vehicle registrations in cases in which the safety check has expired.

Headlights in newer cars are excessively bright and can cause glare for oncoming motorists.

In addition, current law can cause Catch 22 situations in which a vehicle is not allowed to be registered until a safety check is done, but a safety check can't be done until the vehicle is properly registered.

I support both proposed changes to the law in the proposed SD1. Please vote "yes."