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S.B. 1056
RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 1056 which removes the requirement for an engineering study when reducing the maximum speed limit.

S.B. 1056 will allow flexibility when lowering speeds is necessary for safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Thursday, February 9, 2023 – 3:00PM

Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports SB1056, relating to Speed Limits

Aloha Chair Lee, and Committee Members,

My name is Travis Counsell, and I am the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Bicycling League. We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, and roll.

Hawai'i Bicycling League supports SB1056, which clarifies that an engineering study is not required to reduce the speed limit of state or county roadways.

Many of our public roadways travel through residential areas and see heavy use by people who walk and bike. Reducing the speed limit makes our streets safer for all users. Eliminating the need for additional engineering studies to reduce the speed limit will make it easier to ensure the safety of all road users are prioritized.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. Please support **SB1056** and help create safer roads for all users.

Ride Aloha,

Travis L. Counsell
Executive Director
Hawai'i Bicycling League

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Comments:

Aloha Committee members,

Bikeshare Hawaii supports SB1056 providing local departments and communities the additional flexibility to right size posted speed limits on our island roadways. Based on national experience, all to often posted speed limits on existing roadways may be a legacy of historic highway practices, previous rural land uses, and not successfully reflect more recent adopted state / county goals for vision zero and or climate crisis.

Mahalo,

Todd Boulanger, MURP

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Senate Committee on Transportation

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Conference Room 309 & Video Conference



Support for SB1056

To the honorable Committee Chair, Chris Lee and honorable Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Transportation Committee. Mahalo nui for your service to the people of Hawai'i.

On behalf of Get Fit Kaua'i, the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Community Coalition of Kaua'i County, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify and voice strong support for SB1056.

Get Fit Kaua'i is a dynamic community coalition consisting of over 1000 affiliates and partners. Members represent multiple sectors and disciplines including educators, parents, students, elected officials, engineers, city planners, business and community leaders, health officials, bicycle and pedestrian advocates, law enforcement personal, Department of Transportation and numerous community individuals that have been committed to promoting physical activity and healthy eating on Kauai since 1994.

Get Fit Kaua'i enthusiastically supports this bill and urges you to vote in favor of SB1056 because this Bill allows for the reduction of speed limits without the State having to conduct engineering studies. Research consistently shows that speeding vehicles greatly increase safety risks, for people in cars as well as for pedestrians around them. The faster a vehicle goes, the longer it takes to come to a stop. Faster speeds lead to higher likelihood of a crash, and the higher the speed of a crash, the higher the likelihood of serious injuries and fatalities. SB1056 will remove that barrier that will allow the State to create safer streets for all people of Hawaii.

Please vote in favor of SB1056. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

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