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

Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports SB1084, relating to Large Vehicle Dangers

Aloha Chair Lee, and Committee Members,

My name is Travis Counsell, and I am the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). 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 SB1084, which requires that dealers selling new SUVs, pick-ups, and minivans disclose to prospective consumers that larger vehicles pose an increase danger to pedestrians.

Vehicles have increased in size in the past decades. With this, the likelihood of serious injury or death has also increase for a person walking (or biking) who is involved in a collision with a motor vehicle. We believe it is appropriate for people who are considering purchasing a large vehicle to understand the risks associated with that purchase.

HBL suggests that the written notice regarding the increased danger of larger vehicles be expanded to include potential harm to people who ride bicycles in addition to people who walk.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. Please support **SB1084** and help create awareness regarding road safety for all users and how personal decisions can impact the safety of others.

Ride Aloha,

Travis L. Counsell
Executive Director
Hawai'i Bicycling League



DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2023
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE and Conference Room 224
BILL: SB 1084, Relating to Transportation

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the committee!

On behalf of the Hawai'i Automobile Dealers Association (HADA), we are writing to respectfully **oppose** SB 1084, relating to transportation. This bill requires dealers selling new light trucks, including sports utility vehicles, pick-up trucks, and minivans, to disclose to prospective consumers that larger vehicles pose an increased danger to pedestrians.

First and foremost, HADA supports safety for pedestrians, drivers, passengers and the community. In addition, HADA supports working collaboratively with policy leaders to ensure that members of the public are provided timely and accurate information about the products and services that they purchase. Numerous studies have indicated that vehicle size and weight have been correlated with safety for drivers and passengers in it. We note that the effects of a collision are caused by, among other factors, driving under the influence of an intoxicant, distracted driving, not obeying traffic laws, jaywalking, and possibly unlit or hazardous road conditions. Additionally, the proposed language of the disclosure is overbroad and not based on any tangible data. We question whether a larger vehicle is truly more dangerous for pedestrians and posit that conditions such as speed, acceleration, and angle of impact play a larger role in the relative effects of highway accidents.

HADA seeks to engage positively on issues of importance relevant to motor vehicles, our state's clean energy future, and safety. We thank you for the opportunity to testify.

The Hawai'i Automobile Dealers Association is the voice of more than 60 new car dealerships across the islands, accounting for over 4,000 direct jobs, \$6 billion total sales and more than \$250 million in general excise taxes paid.



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DATE: February 8, 2023

TO: Senator Chris Lee
Chair, Committee on Transportation and Culture & Arts

FROM: Tiffany Yajima

RE: **S.B. 1084 – Relating to Transportation**
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 09, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 224

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture & Arts:

On behalf of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (“Auto Innovators”) we submit this testimony in **opposition** of S.B. 1084, which requires dealers selling new light trucks, including sports utility vehicles, pick-up trucks, and minivans, to disclose to prospective consumers that larger vehicles pose an increased danger to pedestrians.

From the manufacturers producing most vehicles sold in the U.S. to autonomous vehicle innovators to equipment suppliers, battery producers and semiconductor makers – the Alliance for Automotive Innovation represents the full auto industry, a sector supporting 10 million American jobs and five percent of the economy. The association is committed to a cleaner, safer and smarter personal transportation future.

Automobile manufacturers strongly applaud efforts to increase pedestrian and vehicle safety. However, providing notice to purchasers of large vehicles at the time of sale of the vehicle is unnecessary and ineffective. A large number of important vehicle safety notices and documents are provided to purchasers at the time of sale, and this disclosure will likely go unnoticed and will detract from important safety notices. In addition, this disclosure is unlikely to have any real effect on long term driving behavior after initial purchase of the vehicle. Finally, used car sales make up a significant number of vehicle sales in the state, and yet sellers of used cars would not be subject to the mandatory disclosure requirement for these same large vehicles, largely rendering this consumer safety disclosure ineffective. For these reasons we ask you to hold this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

SB-1084

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 2:35:19 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/9/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Todd Boulanger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1084, for dealers selling new light trucks, including sports utility vehicles, pick-up trucks, and minivans, to disclose to prospective consumers that larger vehicles pose an increased danger to pedestrians.

It will be very helpful for vehicle customers to understand better that their vehicle choice can have a big impact on their or their family's safety (and pedestrians) in a crash or single vehicle collision. As it stands now, this knowledge often comes way too late after purchase, which makes it less likley* that they can then avoid this problem except selling the vehicle early and thus at a financial loss.

Our pervious office was located next to a used vehicle dealer of jacked up trucks. It was often surprising - as we walked past many vehicles - that we could not see the driver's head area when we were standing in front of the grill / pumper area, as if we were a pedestian walking in a parking lot or crosswalk scenario.

Mahalo,

Todd Boulanger, MURP

*Such a scenario occured personally to me during vehicle selection and purchase early in my driving experience...and by the time the manufacter notified my family of a poor vehicle safety history/ passenger injury frequency it was after purchase and too late to return the vehicle (or not take a large financial loss).