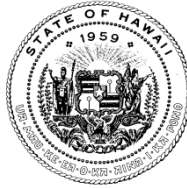


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S.B. 1086, S.D. 2
Relating to Transportation

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 1086, S.D. 2. This measure amends the composition and duties of the state highway safety council.

Since the passage of Act 100 and the Department has taken a proactive approach to move in a timely and transparent manner as it relates to analyzing, planning, evaluating, and executing transportation projects.

The Department appreciates the willingness of the Senate and the House to convene a council that will comprise of community and professionals from across the state to provide input into the transportation system that is designed to serve everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**The State Legislature
House Committee on Transportation
Thursday, March 16, 2023
Conference Room 312, 10:00 a.m.**

TO: The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
RE: Support for S.B. 1086, SD2 Relating to Transportation

Aloha Chair Todd and Members of the Committee:

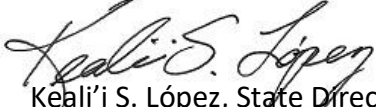
My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social impact organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of nearly 38 million nationwide and nearly 140,000 in Hawai'i. We advocate at the state and federal level for the issues that matter most to older adults and their families.

AARP supports S.B. 1086 SD 2 which activates the highway safety council to meaningfully address Hawaii's rising fatalities and injuries by amending the composition and duties of the state highway safety council.

AARP appreciates having a seat on the highway council to represent the safety interest of Hawai'i's kūpuna. Studies have shown that older adults, especially those ages 50-64 and 75+, are significantly more likely to be killed in traffic crashes while walking (SGA/NCSC, Dangerous by Design 2022). It is paramount that Hawai'i continues to address the need for safer roads for drivers and pedestrians who walk, bike and use other modes of transportation.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support for **S.B 1086, SD2**.

Sincerely,


Keali'i S. López, State Director



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Thursday, March 16, 2023 — 10:00 a.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports SB 1086 SD2, Relating to Transportation.

Dear Chair Todd and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

Ulupono supports SB 1086 SD2, which amends the composition and duties of the State Highway Safety Council.

Nationwide, traffic fatalities are the highest they have been in 16 years and are generally expected to continue to increase, mostly due to auto-centric road design, reduced peak congestion, and increasing larger and heavier vehicles.¹ Hawai'i is also experiencing this same troubling trend. In 2014, there were 95 deaths in Hawai'i, while in 2022 there were 117 deaths.² Last year alone, Hawai'i County's fatalities tripled in just one year.³ In addition, people walking and biking are demonstrably more at risk—Hawai'i ranks 13th among the most dangerous states for pedestrians, a ranking that has worsened over the past 20 years.⁴

As Hawai'i's transportation needs are increasingly complex and challenging, we appreciate this committee's efforts to look at bolstering safety policies for all ground transportation users.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

¹ <https://www.vox.com/22675358/us-car-deaths-year-traffic-covid-pandemic>

² Hawaii Department of Health

³ <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/safe-communities/>

⁴ <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/>



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Thursday, March 16, 2023 – 10:00am

Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports SB1086 SD2, relating to Transportation

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Kila, 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. This means creating infrastructure that is designed for all users with safety as a top priority.

Hawai'i Bicycling League supports SB1086 SD2, which amends the composition and duties of the State Highway Safety Council.

The intention of this bill is to provide an independent body that provides expertise and insight to improve transportation safety outcomes at the Hawai'i Department of Transportation. Given the high rate of traffic fatalities in Hawai'i, HBL supports any efforts to improve the safety of our roadways and effectiveness of programs that focus on that goal. Independent monitoring, evaluation, and guidance will provide better accountability and transparency as we work to drastically reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. Please support SB1086 SD2 and help create safer streets for all.

Ride Aloha,

Travis L. Counsell
Executive Director
Hawai'i Bicycling League



DATE: March 14, 2023

TO: Representative Chris Todd
Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Tiffany Yajima/Jena Matila

RE: **S.B. 1086, S.D. 2, – Relating to Transportation**
Hearing Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room: 312

Dear Chair Todd, Vice Chair Kila and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

On behalf of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (“Auto Innovators”) we submit this testimony with **comments** on S.B. 1086, S.D. 2, which amends the composition and duties of the State Highway Safety Council.

We would respectfully request an amendment to the composition of the council to include one member from an organization representing the automobile manufacturing industry.

The Alliance for Automotive Innovation is the singular, authoritative and respected voice of the automotive industry. Focused on creating a safe and transformative path for sustainable industry growth, the Alliance for Automotive Innovation represents the manufacturers producing nearly 99 percent of cars and light trucks sold in the U.S. Members include motor vehicle manufacturers, original equipment suppliers, technology, and other automotive-related companies and trade associations.

Automobile manufacturers are transitioning toward an electric future and by 2025 the auto industry will have invested more than \$330 billion to reach the goal of an electrified future. A new generation of ZEVs is coming with 130 models for sale in the U.S. market by 2026, up from over 70 models today. To make the transition to a zero-emission transportation future, automakers support federal and state policies such as investments in charging infrastructure and consumer incentives for EV purchases that grow consumer demand for electric vehicles.

As the state seeks to establish long-term goals to reduce transportation costs and vehicle miles traveled, and improve transportation safety, automobile manufacturers would be interested in serving as a member of the State Highway Safety and Modernization Council. Accordingly, we request an amendment under §286-5 (a) at Section 2, page 3-4 of the bill to include:

(11) One member from an organization representing the automobile manufacturing industry.

Auto Innovators look forward to the opportunity to work collaboratively with the state to develop reasonable plans and recommendations to improve transportation safety and reduce carbon emissions in the transportation sector. For these reasons we ask the committee to pass this measure with amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

House Committee on Transportation
Chair: Representative Chris Todd
Vice Chair: Representative Darius K. Kila
Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023
Bill: SB1086, S.D. 2

Chair Todd, Vice-Chair Kila and members of the House Committee on Transportation, my name is Carol Wakayama. I wish to offer my testimony in strong support of SB1086, S.D. 2.

I applaud the spirit of SB 1086, S.D. 2, especially in the bill's use of the word ... 'transparency.' It's my hope that transparency and accountability are already parts of the fabric of State government, its leaders and employees.

I fully support the proposed amendments to the State Highway Safety Council. I also applaud the suggested list of potential community representatives/organizations, to be included when considering additional members of the Safety Council. Finally, it's my sincere hope that any appropriated monies do not get bogged down in bureaucratic/ administrative delays and any recommended changes are also made quickly.

I humbly request that you pass SB 1086 S.D. 2. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

I opose this bill. The legislature is not lawfully elected thus does not have the authority to enact laws and bills. All actions are treason against the United States of America.