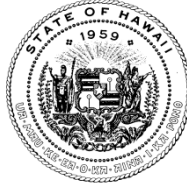


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S.B. 1411, S.D. 2
RELATING TO THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY

House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 1411 S.D. 2. This measure amends references to the State Drug and Alcohol Toxicology Testing Laboratory Special Fund; and appropriates funds to the DOT Highways Division to deposit state highway funds to the Drug and Alcohol Toxicology Testing Laboratory Special Fund.

There is an immediate need for in-state blood alcohol testing for all counties, which the City and County of Honolulu Emergency Services Department (CCHESD) is able to provide if the agency has funding to expand its lab and resources. In addition, CCHESD may be able to conduct drug testing for impaired driving cases in the future if funding is available to support the establishment and maintenance of the laboratory.

This bill is needed to appropriate funds from the state highway fund to the special fund; provide legislative authority for DOT to administer and expend the special fund; and appropriate funds as a grant-in-aid to CCHESD to support statewide blood alcohol testing, as well as establish and maintain a drug and alcohol testing laboratory.

The DOT is primarily concerned about improving highway safety and protecting the lives of our community members and visitors. Having a drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory within our State will provide law enforcement and adjudicators with the resources they need to protect our public from impaired drivers.

The DOT urges your support of S.B. 1411 S.D. 2.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



To: The Honorable Representative David Tarnas, Chair
The Honorable Representative Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Re: Strong Support of SB1411 SD2, Relating to the Drug and Alcohol Toxicology Testing Laboratory.

Hrg: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 2:15pm, Conference Room 325

Position: Support

Aloha, my name is Rick Collins, the Director of the Hawai'i Alcohol Policy Alliance (Alliance). The Hawai'i Public Health Institute fiscally manages the Alliance. I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Alliance in STRONG SUPPORT of SB1411 SD2. There is an immediate need for in-state alcohol and drug toxicology testing for all counties, which the City and County of Honolulu Emergency Services Department (CCHESD) is able to provide if the agency has funding to expand its lab and resources. In addition, CCHESD may be able to conduct drug testing for impaired driving cases in the future if funding is available to support the establishment and maintenance of the laboratory.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Rick Collins