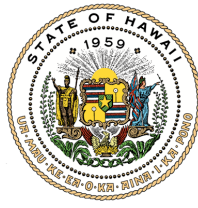


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1933, HOUSE DRAFT 1

RELATING TO SOBRIETY CHECKS

Before the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Tuesday, February 13, 2024; 2:00 p.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 325, Via Videoconference

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) **supports** House Bill 1933, House Draft 1.

This bill establishes a sobriety checkpoints special fund within DLE to provide funding to county law enforcement agencies for staffing for sobriety checks and provides a funding mechanism for the fund.

The DLE supports the establishment of such a fund to support the increased use of sobriety checkpoints in our communities. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice, indicate that the average driving under the influence (DUI) violator commits that offense approximately 80 times per year and alcohol-related crashes are nine times more likely to result in death than are non-alcohol-related crashes. Often law enforcement agencies incur overtime, personnel, and other increased operational expenses to conduct these checkpoints. This bill provides a mechanism for county and state law enforcement agencies to support the use of sobriety checkpoints which are a fundamental tool in the enforcement and deterrence of DUI offenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.



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**H.B. 1933 H.D.1**  
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The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports H.B. 1933 H.D.1**, which establishes a sobriety checkpoint special fund to provide funding to county law enforcement agencies for staffing for sobriety checks and processing of persons arrested at sobriety checkpoints; increases the state vehicle registration fee and establishes the amount to be deposited into the sobriety checkpoint special fund; and appropriates funds into the sobriety checkpoint special fund and out of the special fund as grants-in-aid for the counties.

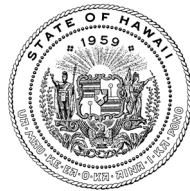
According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's *Countermeasures That Work: A Highway Safety Countermeasure Guide For State Highway Safety Offices, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2020*, publicized sobriety checkpoints are highly effective in deterring impaired driving. "The CDC's systematic review of 15 high-quality studies found that checkpoints reduce alcohol-related fatal crashes by 9 percent (Bergen et al., 2014). Similarly, a meta-analysis by Erke et al. (2009) found that checkpoints reduce alcohol-related crashes by 17 percent, and all crashes by 10 to 15 percent."

Since 2018, Hawaii has received approximately \$3 million in federal funds each year, to be used for impaired driving-related initiatives. These funds are distributed to government agencies and nonprofit organizations that apply for grant funding and conduct impaired driving projects such as overtime enforcement operations (sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols, youth deterrence, etc.), trainings, community education, DWI Court, etc. During Federal Fiscal Year 2023, the four county police departments used \$1.2 million in federal grant funding to conduct 827 sobriety checkpoints and other enforcement operations. If law enforcement agencies believe that they can conduct more impaired driving enforcement, federal grant funding is currently available to support these increases.

HDOT is primarily concerned about improving highway safety and protecting the lives of our community members and visitors. On average, over 40 percent of Hawaii's drivers who were involved in a fatal crash from 2020-2022 tested positive for having alcohol and/or drugs in their systems. Increasing the number of sobriety checkpoints throughout the state may increase the perceived risk of arrest and cause drivers to rethink driving while impaired and, instead, plan ahead for a sober ride.

The HDOT urges your support with H.B. 1933 H.D.1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1933, H.D. 1

**February 13, 2024**  
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RELATING TO SOBRIETY CHECKS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill (H.B.) No. 1933, H.D. 1, adds a new section to Chapter 353C, HRS, entitled, "Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund" (SCSF) to establish a SCSF, administered by the Department of Transportation (DOT), to provide funding to county law enforcement agencies for staffing sobriety checks and processing of persons arrested at sobriety checkpoints. This bill increases the annual motor vehicle registration fee from \$46 to \$47 and deposits \$1 of the annual motor vehicle registration fee into the SCSF.

This bill appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds to be deposited into the SCSF for FY 25 and appropriates an unspecified amount of special funds from the SCSF for FY 25 as a grant-in-aid to each of the county police departments: the Honolulu Police Department, Hawai'i Police Department, Maui Police Department, and the Kaua'i Police Department for staffing of sobriety checkpoints.

As a matter of general policy, B&F does not support the creation of any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, HRS. Special funds should:

1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work, and an explanation why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. Regarding H.B. No. 1933, H.D. 1, it is difficult to determine whether the proposed special fund would be self-sustaining.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



TO: Rep. David Tarnas, Chair  
Rep. Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

FR: Shannon Woods, Chief Legal and Strategy Officer  
Intoxalock

**RE: HB1933, HD1 RELATING TO SOBRIETY CHECKS.**

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

TIME: 2:00 PM; VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE; Conference Room 325

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Shannon Woods, Chief Legal and Strategy Officer for Intoxalock. Intoxalock is one of the largest providers of breath alcohol ignition interlock devices in the United States, meeting state requirements in 46 states across the nation. For 30 years, Intoxalock devices have been keeping hundreds of thousands of intoxicated persons from driving. We are also committed to supporting public policy and legislation which reduces driving under the influence.

Intoxalock supports HB1933, HD1 which provides an appropriation, funding mechanism from vehicle registration fees, and establishes a special fund to provide funding to county law enforcement agencies for staffing for sobriety checks. Because Intoxalock has a national presence throughout the US, the company monitors and supports public policy and legislation which reduces drunk driving.

According to the National Transportation Highway Safety Administration, sobriety checkpoints are an effective means to deter and enforce drunk driving when combined with publicity. Having such deterrents, including broad access to tools like ignition interlock programs, can play a significant role in stopping driving while intoxicated.

Strengthening Hawaii's drunk driving laws saves lives. We urge this Committee to support HB1933, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

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

From: Alice Liu, Program Director; Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Hawaii

Re: House Bill 1933 – RELATING TO SOBRIETY CHECKS.

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My name is Alice Liu and I am the Program Director for the Hawaii chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

MADD Hawaii supports House Bill 1933 and stands united in our unwavering support for sobriety checkpoints as a proven and vital countermeasure against impaired driving.

MADD Hawaii deeply values the collaboration with county police departments in working with victims' families. Together, we honor the memories of their loved ones by setting up legacy checkpoints, often on the anniversary of their tragic passing. These checkpoints serve as poignant reminders to the public, urging responsible choices and reinforcing the devastating impact of driving under the influence.

MADD Hawaii extends heartfelt appreciation to the county police departments for their dedication to working with victims' families and their commitment to creating lasting legacies that resonate with the community. Through these collective efforts, we strive to build awareness, prevent further tragedies, and ensure that the roads are safe for everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Alice Liu,  
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