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S.B. 2735 RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports S.B. 2735**, which requires driver's license examination to test the applicant's knowledge of the dangers that larger motor vehicles present to pedestrians. Requires offenders who are found to be excessively speeding or driving while intoxicated to retake and pass their driver's license examination for each offense.

We believe this bill will reduce motor vehicle fatalities and injuries by deterring dangerous driving behaviors. The inconvenience of having to retake the driver licensing exam will hopefully make drivers more responsible. Additionally, educating new drivers about the potential hazards of driving a larger motor vehicle can assist with pedestrian safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.