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TO THE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND ARTS

S.B.1082

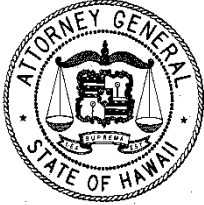
FEBRUARY 8, 2023, 3:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING SPACES

Chairs Wakai and Lee, Vice Chairs Elefante and Inouye and Members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B.1082.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports S.B. 1082, which requires all parking meters that collect parking fees for any public paid parking space in the State to be maintained in working order to accept payment by cash, credit card, and debit card. DAGS has already begun this conversion in DAGS-managed parking facilities as our funding allows.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 1082, RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING SPACES.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
AND ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 **TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 225

TESTIFIER(S): Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or
Denise W.M. Wong, Deputy Attorney General

Chairs Lee and Wakai and Members of the Committees

The Department of the Attorney General offers the following comments.

The bill requires, effective January 1, 2025, all parking lots with public paid parking spaces in the State to accept payment of parking fees by credit card and debit card. It also requires that all parking meters that collect parking fees for any public paid parking space in the State be maintained in working order to accept payment by credit and debit card. The bill does not prohibit a parking lot from accepting payment by cash. The counties are required to adopt ordinances to enforce these requirements.

Article VIII, Section 5, of the Hawaii State Constitution states: "If any new program or increase in the level of service under an existing program shall be mandated to any of the political subdivisions by the legislature, it shall provide that the State share in the cost." Because the counties would need to either retrofit current machines or install new meters to comply with the requirements of this bill, it appears that there would be a cost to the counties. Because of the increase in the current level of service under an existing program, and insofar as the bill does not provide that the State share in any cost incurred by the counties, the bill may be subject to constitutional challenge. Accordingly, we respectfully suggest the Committee consider whether the State is required to share in any cost incurred by the counties.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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BEFORE THE JOINT SENATE COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
AND TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 3:00 PM, Via Videoconference

TO: Senators Glenn Wakai and Chris Lee, Chairs, and Members of the Joint Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Transportation and Culture and the Arts

RE: COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL 1082, RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING SPACES

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) of the City and County of Honolulu (City) provides the following comments on Senate Bill 1082, relating to public parking spaces.

DTS strongly supports the bill's intent to provide for the payment of public parking in all parking lots in the State by credit card and debit card. DTS, however, requests an amendment that for all public paid parking spaces that are maintained in working order to accept payment by credit card and debit card, cash and coins not be accepted at those meters. The City's parking program operates at a net loss of over \$4.75M annually. Upgrading the meter to accept credit card and debit cards will require funding, which must be offset by reducing the expense of collecting cash and coins, increasing fees, or increasing the local subsidy.

The City is focused on enhancing the public parking experience and has funded the replacement of its public parking meters with new hardware to accept parking payment via credit card, debit card, mobile application, and the City's account-based HOLO collection system. The HOLO card is a contactless, account-based smart card used to pay for public transit fares on O'ahu. The card is used to hold cash value, which can be added at more than 50 convenient retail locations like supermarkets and convenience stores and satellite City halls. Low-income and bank-less customers will be able to use HOLO for payment on parking meters if cash or coin payment is unavailable.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2023 8:12:22 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Bill.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:31:36 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellie S. Jones	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF ELLIE S JONES IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Ellie and I am a resident of Mānoa Valley in Senate District 11 and House District 22. **I am writing in STRONG support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH).**

I am a longboarder who consistently uses the surf breaks of bowls, in between, and rockpiles for connecting to the ocean, fostering relationships with my community, and enjoying our nearshore waters. This break is popular among locals and kānaka maoli alike to gather, surf, paddle canoe, and spend time with the ocean. **Ensuring that the parking near this area is free for the public is an issue of equity, keeping it open to all instead of only those who can "pay to play." The ocean is for all and should stay completely open to all.**

Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai‘i.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time, leadership, and consideration,

Ellie S Jones