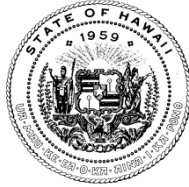


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**S.B. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

House Committee on Finance

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** S.B. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 which requires the HDOT or county transportation agency having jurisdiction to define and regularly perform evaluations to identify high risk or dangerous corridors and intersections, and plan strategies for mitigation, prioritizing changes that maximize safety and separate vehicles from vulnerable users such as pedestrians and bicyclists. S.B. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 also removes the requirement for an engineering study when reducing the maximum speed limit within one mile of a school.

The HDOT currently uses a comprehensive safety management process for all roadway users that includes both a traditional crash-based approach, as well as a complementary systemic safety approach. The HDOT is also developing a Safety Analytics Platform to enhance current analytics. These efforts allow HDOT decision makers and practitioners to make better informed decisions and implement safety countermeasures or investments faster.

In addition, safety is addressed in every HDOT project that is implemented, and we support creating and maintaining a transportation system that provides safe mobility for all modes and users. We have reported on our robust educational, enforcement and engineering programs which we implemented to successfully save lives over years. We meet regularly with the four counties and metropolitan planning organizations to discuss project implementation, safety focus, and opportunities for funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding and programs, including discretionary grant opportunities for safety such as Safe Streets and Roads for All.

S.B. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 will allow flexibility when lowering speeds within one mile of a school is necessary for safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 3:30 PM, CR 308 & Via Videoconference

TO: Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair, Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Finance

RE: WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 3242, SD1, HD1 (SB3242 SD1, HD1), RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) of the City and County of Honolulu **supports** SB3242, SD1, HD1, relating to transportation, and provides the following comments.

DTS agrees that evaluations to identify high-risk or dangerous corridors and intersections based on relevant statistics, including crashes, injuries, fatalities, or similar metrics should be undertaken. This data-driven process has been central in development of the recent O'ahu Pedestrian Plan and the ongoing Vision Zero Action Plan.

The bill further provides that the legal requirement for an engineering study shall not apply when the department of transportation or county reduces the maximum speed limit within one mile of a school. The City is committed to its Safe Routes to Schools Program and related efforts that advance traffic safety for all roadway users in school zones.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in support.



Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

House Committee on Finance

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SB 3242 SD1 HD1

Relating to Transportation

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Committee Members,

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **strongly supports SB 3242 SD1 HD1** which requires the Department of Transportation or county transportation agency having jurisdiction over roads, highways, or similar infrastructure to evaluate high-risk or dangerous corridors or intersections and plan strategies for mitigation. SB 3242 SD1 HD1 also provides that an engineering study is not required to be considered if the Department of Transportation or any county decreases maximum speed limits within one mile of a school.

This bill would help support our goal of reducing traffic related deaths and serious injuries to zero by 2050. We also appreciate the focus on removing additional barriers to providing safety enhancements in areas within one mile of a school which focuses further on vulnerable road users and prioritizes the safety of our keiki.

The OahuMPO is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the island of Oahu responsible for carrying out a multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a long-range (25-year horizon) metropolitan transportation plan, referred to as the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) that encourages and promotes a safe and efficient transportation system to serve the mobility needs of people and freight (including walkways, bicycles, and transit), fosters economic growth and development, and takes into consideration resiliency needs, while minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution ([23 CFR 450.300](#)).

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.