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**S.C.R. 25, S.D. 1**  
**ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**  
**HONOLULU TO EXPAND THE RED-LIGHT SAFETY PROGRAM.**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports S.C.R. 25, S.D. 1**, encouraging the Department of Transportation and the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu to expand the red-light safety program.

The HDOT supports expanding the red-light safety program to areas outside of District 1 as well as the neighbor islands. We will continue to work with our partners at the City & County of Honolulu to improve traffic safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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### TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Senate Concurrent Resolution 25 SD1 – Encouraging the Department of Transportation and the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu to Expand the Red-Light Safety Program

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 25 SD1 – Encouraging the Department of Transportation and the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu to Expand the Red-Light Safety Program.

Vehicles that fail to stop for a red light pose a danger for all pedestrians, but especially for pedestrians with certain disabilities. Persons who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices and persons of short stature are lower to the ground and are therefore less visible to drivers looking over the hood of their vehicles. Blind pedestrians rely on audio cues from traffic control devices and are unlikely to be able to take actions to avoid a car. In addition, pedestrians with a mobility disability – such as persons with arthritis, vascular and orthopedic conditions – may not have the agility or reflexive speed to get out of the way of an approaching vehicle.

Thank you for considering our position.

Respectfully submitted,

KIRBY L. SHAW  
Executive Director

TESTIMONY OF  
**LARRY S VERAY**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SCR25 SD1**

**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO  
EXPAND THE RED-LIGHT SAFETY PROGRAM TO WINDWARD, LEEWARD AND  
CENTRAL OAHU**

**March 25, 2024**

Aloha, Chair Todd Vice Chair Kila and Committee members. I am Larry Veray, Chairman for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21. I am submitting this testimony representing our board as a whole based on our board resolution passed in November 24, 2020 requesting Hawaii Department of Transportation and Honolulu Department of Transportation Services integrate the installation of Red-Light Cameras at designated intersections in the Pearl City area. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SCR25 SD1.

The Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 is very concerned that numerous drivers are violating Hawaii's traffic laws by running red lights at busy intersections, not stopping at a red light prior to making a right turn at an intersection and finally, causing collisions with other vehicles or hitting pedestrians in crosswalks while fleeing away from the scene at many of our intersections; and these traffic law violations endanger the lives of motorists and pedestrians compounding the already hazardous conditions on Pearl City roadways. Recognizing that right-angle "T-Bone" crashes at traffic light intersections are dangerous and prevalent, and that law-enforcement resources are limited, and many cities use red-light cameras to take photos of violators and send them a ticket in the mail, discourage would-be violators by publicizing the programs, and focus on safety outcomes rather than increasing revenue, and

It has become increasingly common for the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) to report hit-and-run drivers, who have seriously affected children or the elderly with little utilization of video evidence for convictions and those drivers disregarding red-light traffic signals have also been the common reason in many recent, highly publicized motor vehicle collisions that have claimed a number of both innocent good drivers at roadway intersections and pedestrians lives while in crosswalks. HPD has not been able to catch many of these law violators directly nor are they equipped with the technology to help officers reduce the number of red-light violations.

The integration of red-light cameras can make our roadways in Pearl City much safer and police officers can be released from the time-consuming duties of traffic enforcement allowing more time to respond to priority calls.

The Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 strongly believes that the integration of red-light cameras at our high-risk intersections will reduce the number of fatalities in traffic collisions and pedestrians seriously injured in crosswalks.

You have the ability to dramatically improve the safety for our motorists and pedestrians by integrating the latest red-light camera technology. This program is long overdue. I most strongly urge you to pass SCR25 SD1. Mahalo!

Most Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan A. Kern". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**SCR-25-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/11/2024 1:34:00 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/11/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Angela Melody Young	Kapalama neighborhood security watch	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Kapalama NSW testifies in strong support.

**SCR-25-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/8/2024 4:21:12 PM

Testimony for TRN on 4/11/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynn Murakami Akatsuka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the passage of SCR 25, SD 1 this legislative session to expand the red light safety program to Windward, Leeward, and Central Oahu. It works in the Honolulu dangerous intrersection areas and we need it now!

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of SCR 25, SD 1.

**SCR-25-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 3:32:45 PM

Testimony for TRN on 4/11/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel C. Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Reference: April 11, 2024, 9 am hearing on SCR25 SD1 Urging expansion of the red light traffic cameras to the Leeward including Pearl City

Aloha, Chair Todd, Vice Chair Kila, and House Transportation Committee members.

As a resident of Pacific Palisades and member of the Neighborhood Board, I strongly support SCR25 SD1. Based on news reports, I understand that the red light camera pilot program in downtown Honolulu has been highly effective in reducing the running of red lights. We need the safety benefits in Pearl City and other leeward areas.

I am also persuaded that police officers can be released from some of the time consuming but necessary duties of traffic enforcement allowing more time to respond to priority calls requiring human intervention and judgement. The presence of a few cameras reminds us all of our duty to drive safely. And the camera system can also record speeding in addition to running of red lights.

Therefore, please approved the resolution. We need to make our roads safer.

Mahalo,

Daniel C. (Dan) Smith

**SCR-25-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/10/2024 9:13:55 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/11/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Natasha Boteilho	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I am asking you to vote NO to this bill. It is entrapment and revenue driven. If we want safer streets, we don't need red light enforcement, we need HPD officers on the streets patrolling.

Mahalo,

Natasha Boteilho