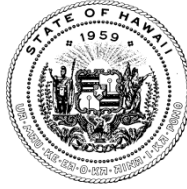


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February 13, 2025
10:00 a.m.
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H.B.1166
RELATING TO AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS PROGRAM

House Committee on Transportation

The Hawaii Department of Transportation **supports H.B. 1166**, appropriates funds out of the State Highway Fund for deposit into the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund and appropriates funds out of the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund for fiscal year 2025-2026.

The appropriation is necessary for the implementation of the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1166
RELATING TO AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS PROGRAM
Before the House Committee on
TRANSPORTATION
Thursday, February 13, 2025, 10:00 am
State Capitol Conference Room 430 & Videoconference
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Kila, Vice Chair Grandinetti, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) strongly supports House Bill 1166, which appropriates \$5,000,000 from the State Highway Fund for deposit into the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund for fiscal year 2025-2026.

This bill represents a critical investment in public safety by establishing and maintaining the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program, which aims to reduce speed-related motor vehicle fatalities and injuries on our state highways. As a law enforcement agency deeply committed to public safety, the DLE recognizes that automated speed enforcement systems effectively prevent dangerous driving behaviors and protect motorists and pedestrians.

The implementation of automated speed enforcement systems has been proven in numerous jurisdictions to reduce speeding violations and fatal crashes significantly. This appropriation will enable the Department of Transportation to deploy and maintain these systems strategically across our highway infrastructure, creating a more comprehensive

approach to traffic safety enforcement.

The DLE particularly supports this measure as it complements our existing traffic enforcement efforts while allowing for more efficient allocation of law enforcement resources. The automated systems will provide consistent enforcement presence in high-risk areas, both as a deterrent to speeders and a means of gathering valuable data for future safety initiatives.

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



Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

Committee on Transportation

02/13/25 10:00 AM

CR 430 & Videoconference

HB 1166

RELATING TO AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS PROGRAM.

Dear Chair Kila, Vice Chair Grandinetti, and Committee Members,

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **supports HB 1166** which would appropriate funds out of the State Highway Fund for the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund and would appropriate funds out of the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund for fiscal year 2025-2026.

This bill supports the goal of reducing traffic related deaths and serious injuries to zero by 2045. Traffic fatalities increased ten percent between 2023 and 2024 in Hawaii. In 2024, the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation conducted an annual behavioral study, and nearly one-quarter of respondents admitted to exceeding the speed limit by more than 20 miles per hour, and over half exceeded the speed limit by 10-20 miles per hour in the last six months. Appropriating additional funds would enable the maintenance of the current Automated Speed Enforcement System and expansion of the system to other locations.

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), which encourages and promotes a safe, efficient, and resilient transportation system that serves the mobility needs of all people and freight (including walkways, bicycles, and transit), fosters economic growth and development, while minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution ([23 CFR 450.300](#)).

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

HB-1166

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:00:25 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/13/2025 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Frank Schultz | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I consider this an invasion of privacy and it cannot be proven without a doubt that the owner of the vehicle was actually the driver who committed the infraction.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:27:36 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/13/2025 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Chad K Taniguchi | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

The red light enforcement has proven successful in increasing safety and is accepted by the public as a balanced means of enforcement, allowing police to be involved in the final issuance of tickets but not having to risk their or other drivers' safety.

Red light cameras can already track speeds and have shown (without ticketing at this time) that significant number of drivers speed significantly. Speed enforcement will address this dangerous behavior that is responsible for about half of crashes and injuries.

Please support automated enforcement as a step toward Vision Zero.

HB-1166

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 9:13:24 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/13/2025 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Edgardo Diaz Vega | Individual | Support | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments: I urge you to support this funding proposal which appropriates funds out of the State Highway Fund for the creation of automated speed enforcement systems. Funding speed enforcement helps improve safety on the islands' roads through better enforcement of existing speeding laws. Speeding is the leading factor in vehicular accidents, making reducing excessive speeding a crucial part of reducing the deaths and injuries that have become all too common on Hawai'i's roads. Increasing automated enforcement will push drivers to better respect traffic laws and make our roads safer for all users.