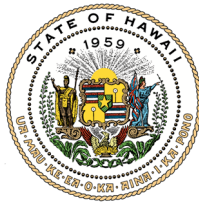


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 43  
RELATING TO HIGHWAY PATROL AND SPEED CAMERAS

Before the House Committee on  
TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 9:10 a.m.

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) provides comments on House Concurrent Resolution 43, requesting the Department of Transportation and Department of Law Enforcement to study the possibility of a highway patrol and speed cameras along major freeways and highways in primary areas of speeding.

This resolution seeks to address an important public safety concern by exploring technological and operational solutions to reduce speeding on major roadways. Excessive speeding is a significant contributor to traffic fatalities and serious injuries, and implementing effective countermeasures aligns with the DLE's mission to enhance public safety.

The DLE welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the Department of Transportation on this study. By combining our expertise in law enforcement operations with the Department of Transportation's knowledge of highway infrastructure and traffic patterns, we can develop a comprehensive understanding of where and how speed enforcement

can be most effectively deployed.

Speed cameras, when implemented appropriately, have proven effective in other jurisdictions for reducing speeding violations and improving traffic safety. A thoughtful study will allow us to evaluate their potential effectiveness in our specific context, including considerations of privacy, technology reliability, and appropriate deployment locations.

Additionally, exploring the development of a dedicated highway patrol function would allow for more specialized traffic enforcement. This approach could enhance our ability to consistently monitor and enforce speed limits on major roadways, serving as both a deterrent to dangerous driving and a means to quickly respond to incidents.

The DLE is prepared to commit resources to this study and believes that the findings will provide valuable data to inform future policy decisions regarding traffic safety enforcement strategies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this resolution.



## *The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i*

### Testimony to the Thirty-Third State Legislature, 2025 Session

#### House Committee on Transportation

Representative Darius K. Kila, Chair

Representative Tina Nakada Grandinetti, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 9:10 a.m.

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By:

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#### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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**Bill No. and Title:** House Concurrent Resolution No. 43

**Purpose:** REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIGHWAY PATROL AND SPEED CAMERAS ALONG MAJOR FREEWAYS AND HIGHWAYS IN PRIMARY AREAS OF SPEEDING.

#### **Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary takes no position on the merits of this resolution. The Judiciary has concerns regarding the expansion of the automated speed enforcement systems and its impact on court operations. The Department of Transportation currently has red-light detectors in 10 downtown Honolulu intersections, which generate approximately 2,000 citations per month. Recent data regarding the speed enforcement cameras produced 22,000 potential violations in one-week for vehicles exceeding the speed limit by 11 miles per hour. Currently, each citation is manually entered by court staff into the Judiciary's case-management system. An expansion of the camera systems will pose significant operational challenges for the courts without proper preparation to include identifying technological solutions and other resources needed to

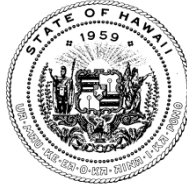
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streamline the manual process. The Judiciary welcomes the opportunity to discuss and work with partner agencies in the expansion plans of the camera systems.

As such, the Judiciary requests that this study include the impact a highway patrol and use of speed cameras along major highways would have on the district courts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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### H.C.R 43

## REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIGHWAY PATROL AND SPEED CAMERAS ALONG MAJOR FREEWAYS AND HIGHWAYS IN PRIMARY AREAS OF SPEEDING

House Committee on Transportation

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The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **has comments for H.C.R. 43**, which requests the HDOT and the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) to study the possibility of a highway patrol and speed cameras along major freeways and highways in primary areas of speeding.

The HDOT will work with the DLE to determine whether or not a highway patrol and speed cameras along major freeways and highways are possible. Studies have shown that high visibility enforcement does have an impact in reducing undesirable driver behavior. Hawaii's own automated enforcement cameras have shown major reductions in red light violations and believes that the automated speed enforcement will have a similar impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



## **Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization**

### **House Committee on Transportation**

**03/25/25 9:10AM**

**CR 430 & Videoconference**

#### **HCR43**

### **REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIGHWAY PATROL AND SPEED CAMERAS ALONG MAJOR FREEWAYS AND HIGHWAYS IN PRIMARY AREAS OF SPEEDING**

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

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **supports HCR43** requesting the Department of Transportation and Department of Law Enforcement to study the possibility of a highway patrol and speed cameras along major freeways and highways in primary areas of speeding.

This bill supports our 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.

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.



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## COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Rep. Darius K. Kila, Chair

Rep. Tina Nakada Grandinetti, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

TIME: 9:10 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 430

HCR 43

SUPPORT, Amendment

The Pali Highway repaving took years, and the result is very loud, superfast, motorcycles racing up and down the highway from dusk to dawn with no speed limit or noise code enforcement.

Amendment: BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Transportation and Department of Law Enforcement are requested to ~~study the possibility of a~~ implement highway patrol and speed cameras along major freeways and highways in primary areas of speeding

Mahalo

Henry Curtis,  
Executive Director

**HCR-43**

Submitted on: 3/21/2025 2:28:24 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/25/2025 9:10:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose



**HCR-43**

Submitted on: 3/23/2025 2:02:02 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/25/2025 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It's your job to save pedestrian lives in a state with egregious pedestrian danger, pedestrian injuries, and pedestrian deaths. You must do this regardless of cost, political unpopularity, and bureaucratic obstacles.

Leaders have vision before it's popular to do something different. Be leaders, not weathervanes. When people are led, they come to support better ways of living.

Best,  
Dylan P. Armstrng

**HCR-43**

Submitted on: 3/24/2025 6:14:25 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/25/2025 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keoni Shizuma	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee members of the Senate Committee on Transportation,

I am testifying to offer comments on this resolution, and to share concerns with the Committee on the use of cameras for speed enforcement.

While I understand that speeding is a challenge in Hawaii, it often is a factor in accidents, creates an unsafe environment for others on the road, and there is a lack of capacity to enforce speeding on our roadways, the use of cameras should be done with caution.

Often times while driving, drivers find themselves in situations where increasing speed is warranted, such as to avoid dangerous drivers who are near or behind you, or to go around someone who is driving extremely slow - which is also dangerous for other vehicles.

Cameras are not able to consider various factors, as it only captures an image of the conditions and cannot put into context the situations on the road. Because of this, if speed cameras are to be used, it should be only used for excessive speeding. Currently the red light speed cameras are allowing for 5 mph over the speed limit, which depending on the location, could be insufficient.

Please consider only using speed cameras for enforcing excessive speeding as it doesn't consider context/situations at all.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Keoni Shizuma