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S.B. 1096
RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES

House Committee on Transportation

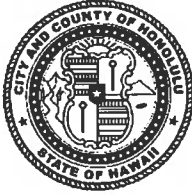
The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports S.B. 1096**, which prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle with possession, purchase, installation, sale, offer for sale, or distribution of license plate flipping devices. Establishes a \$2,000 fine for each separate violation.

The HDOT supports this measure which prohibits the use of license plate flipping devices which will impact the automated enforcement program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 6, 2025

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 1096, Relating to License Plates

I am Major Stason Tanaka of District 7 (East Honolulu), Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 1096, Relating to License Plates. License plates are vital in the identification of vehicles for public safety purposes. It is crucial that devices that hamper the ability of law enforcement officials to run checks of license plates be prohibited.

Devices that prevent the proper identification of a vehicle pose a threat to our community as they allow drivers to evade identification while operating a vehicle that is being operated illegally or is being sought by law enforcement. For instance, these devices can be used to hide vehicles involved in traffic violations, such as running a red light, which in some areas are monitored via automated cameras, to those involved in crimes such as, but not limited to, reckless driving, driving under the influence, or fleeing the scene of an accident.


License plates not only allow law enforcement officers the ability to readily identify vehicles but also lend to their legal authority to execute a traffic stop based on the vehicle's status.

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The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 1096, Relating to License Plates.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


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