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February 4, 2025
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 430

H.B. 1259
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

House Committee on Transportation

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** H.B. 1259 which specifies that an engineering study is not required to be considered when reducing the maximum speed limit within one mile of a school and ten miles per hour of the current speed limit.

H.B. 1259 will allow flexibility when lowering speed limits within one mile of a school and ten miles per hour is necessary for safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

Committee on Transportation

02/04/25 10:00 AM
CR 430 & Videoconference

HB1259 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **strongly supports** HB1259 which specifies that an engineering study is not required to be considered when reducing the maximum speed limit within ten miles per hour of the current speed limit for that road.

This bill will help us achieve 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 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. Lowering speed limits, with appropriate enforcement, is an effective safety countermeasure to lower crashes indicated by the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#).

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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Rep. Darius K. Kila, Chair
Rep. Tina Nakada Grandinetti, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
33rd Legislature, State of Hawai`i

via: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>

Dear Committee leadership and members,

Re: SUPPORT FOR HB1259, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Conference Room 430
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

I write to express support for HB1259 and any and all legislation like it that serves to decrease the speed, size, and/or volume of motor vehicles operating on our roadways.

Thank you, Honorable committee leadership and members, for your attention to this issue and consideration of my letter. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

/s/ Georgette A. Yaindl
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