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**H.B. 226 H.D. 3
RELATING TO WINDSHIELD TINTING**

Senate Committees Transportation and Culture and the Arts and
Commerce and Consumer Protection

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports H.B. 226 H.D. 3**, which prohibits a person from installing, mounting, adhering, affixing, or using any sun screening device in conjunction with the glazing material of a motor vehicle with mirrored, metallic, red, yellow, amber, or blue tint. Requires all drivers and passengers of motor vehicles with applied tint to roll down their windows when stopped by a law enforcement officer at a traffic stop. Lowers the minimum light transmittance levels for sun screening devices on certain motor vehicles. Exempts side windows to the rear of the driver and rear windows on sedans from sun screening device requirements. Increase the minimum and maximum fines for violating sun screening device requirements.

The HDOT supports keeping the 35 percent light transmittance requirement for the front side wing vents and windows and not require sedans to have 35 percent light transmittance for side windows that are to the rear of the driver and rear windows, similar to vans, minivans, trucks, and buses.

Additionally, the HDOT would like to recommend removing “on sedans, vans, minivans trucks, and buses” in Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 291-21.5(e)(8) as it conflicts with HRS 291-21.5(e)(9).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

March 14, 2025

Testimony in Support of HB226 HD3 – Relating to Windshield Tinting

Dear Chair Lee and the members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

Dear Chair Keohokalole, and the members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs,

I am writing in strong support of HB226 HD3, which seeks to regulate motor vehicle sun screening devices to enhance road safety, improve law enforcement interactions, and reduce interior heat caused by climate change.

Reasons for Support:

1. **Enhanced Road Safety** – Prohibiting mirrored, metallic, and certain colored tints helps prevent visibility issues and ensures safer road conditions for all drivers and pedestrians.
2. **Improved Law Enforcement Transparency** – Requiring drivers and passengers to roll down their windows at traffic stops promotes safer interactions between law enforcement and the public.
3. **Climate Change Adaptation** – Lowering the minimum light transmittance levels will help reduce vehicle interior heat and help with UV protection.
4. **Balanced Regulations** – The bill provides reasonable exemptions for rear windows while ensuring that front and side visibility remains compliant with safety standards.
5. **The current law is discriminatory against passenger vehicle owners and it has been difficult to explain to passenger vehicle owners why they are not allowed to install window film as dark as they have on the rear windows of their MPV's. Our state allows the same "Type 3" driver's license to operate both Passenger Vehicles and MPV's, so it is illogical to have two different tint standards for these two categories of vehicles– these bills clear this up**

As a driver/community member, I believe these measures will significantly benefit Hawai'i's motorists and contribute to overall public safety. I respectfully ask the committee to pass HB226 HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Comments:

I support this bill