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State Capitol, Room 309

**H.B. 1747**  
**RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1747. This bill authorizes a police officer to tow a motor vehicle when the operator is arrested or cited for various traffic offenses, including driving under the influence of an intoxicant (OVUII).

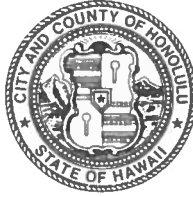
Motor vehicle fatalities involving alcohol continues to be a problem in Hawaii. Police continue to arrest drivers who drink and drive in order to save lives. This bill would allow vehicles to be towed and stored under certain situations. The towing charges and storage charges would be the responsibility of the registered owners or lien holders of the vehicles. These costs, which would be borne by registered owners, would serve as a deterrent to those registered owners who do not seriously consider who they permit to drive their vehicles.

The DOT urges your support in passing HB 1747 as it will serve as a deterrent to the registered owners of vehicles who permit other drivers the use of their vehicles and are arrested for OVUII.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 10, 2016

The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1747, Relating to Motor Vehicles

I am Darren Izumo, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the passage of House Bill No. 1747, Relating to Motor Vehicles.

The passage of this bill can help to keep roadways clear, provide safer storage for a violator's vehicle, and may help to deter an immediate reoffense by an impaired driver.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 1747, Relating to Motor Vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Darren Izumo, Major  
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Louis M. Kealoha  
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**HB1747**

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Wayne H. Braden	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My daughter was killed by a drunk driver May 30th, 2009, this person had a BAC of .243. Its important to show the public and repeat offenders we as citizen are serious about the need for all citizens to follow traffic laws. It should be automatic that once a person is arrested for DUI, no license or no insurance they be not allowed to return in their vehicles soon after posting bail. Please help us. Please support HB1747.

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To: Representative Henry Aquino, Chair — House Committee on  
Transportation; Rep. Matthew LoPresti, Vice Chair, and members of the  
Committee

From: Arkie Koehl, Public Policy Committee - MADD Hawaii

Re: House Bill 1747 – Relating to Motor Vehicles

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I am Arkie Koehl, offering testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in support of House Bill 1747. Specifically, MADD urges the stiffening of the penalty for driving while license is revoked for OVUII, by authorizing the towing of the offender's vehicle.

The highway safety literature, from AAA to NHTSA, contains studies showing that **vehicle sanctions** such as towing, immobilization, impoundment, forfeiture, etc., can be effective deterrents for the 50-75% of DUI offenders who continue to drive while their license is revoked for OVUII.

MADD encourages the passage of HB 1747, one of whose provisions (#6) directly addresses this group of offenders who threaten the lives and property of Hawaii's residents and visitors.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.