

HB-2589-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/30/2018 11:33:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce Paige	Testifying for Street Bikers United Hawaii	Support	Yes

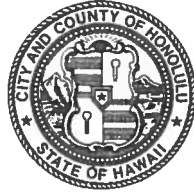
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April 3, 2018

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2589, H.D. 2, Relating to Motorcycles

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

The HPD opposes the passage of House Bill No. 2589, H.D. 2, Relating to Motorcycles. This bill would allow motorcycles to use designated shoulder lanes when traffic has been stopped for a certain period of time or when there is congestion at a marked or unmarked intersection as a result of a traffic control device. In circumstances where traffic is stopped or slow moving due to congestion, vehicles will tend to overheat or breakdown requiring the use of the shoulders. Drivers unaware of motorcycles operating in a shoulder lane or inexperienced motorcycle operators not paying attention to traffic will increase the risk for motor vehicle collisions and injuries.

Since January 1, 2018, there have been five motorcycle fatalities attributed to operator error. Allowing motorcycles to traverse the shoulders would increase the risk of collisions and injuries.

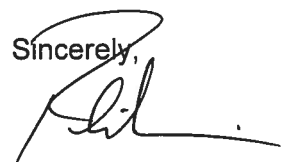
The HPD urges you to oppose House Bill No. 2589, H.D. 2, in its current form.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:


Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,


Ryan Nishibun, Major
Traffic Division

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Testimony by:

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

April 3, 2018
9:15 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 016



H.B. 2589, H.D. 2
RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES

Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2589, H.D. 2 relating to motorcycles. This bill allows the DOT to designate shoulders upon which the department may authorize the driving of motorcycles under certain conditions.

The DOT recognizes there are the following concerns:

- Reduces safety for all roadway users. The shoulder is utilized to accommodate stopped vehicles, emergencies, and on arterial roadways, bicyclists and pedestrians.
- On arterial roadways, pedestrian crossing at an unsignalized intersection could be more challenging as motorcycles or motor scooters traveling on the shoulder and/or moving back into the normal travel lane can take away gaps in traffic used by crossing pedestrians or take away shoulder space for pedestrians to safely walk or wait on.
- Increases potential for road rage. Providing preferential treatment for motorcycles or motor scooters has the potential to anger motorists who are waiting patiently in traffic.
- No impact on alleviating congestion. Motorcycles and motor scooters occupy less than half the length of the average motor vehicle.

The DOT will consider the above-listed concerns when determining the areas in which it would be safe to designate shoulders for motorcycle use under certain conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

April 2, 2018

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB 2589 HD 2 – Allowing motorcycles to drive on shoulders – OPPOSE

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

AAA Hawaii was founded in 1915 in Honolulu and is a leader in motorist services and a strong advocate for traffic safety. With more than 157,000 members, service to and the safety of our members, other motorists, and all road users is our founding and continuing purpose.

We have significant traffic safety concerns with the proposal to allow motorcycles to drive on shoulders in Hawaii, and OPPOSE HB 2589 HD 2. HB 2589 HD 2 authorizes the Department of Transportation to designate shoulders upon which motorcycles may drive under certain conditions when vehicular traffic is stopped as a result of congestion.

Roadway shoulders are designed to accommodate disabled vehicles or traffic law enforcement activities, both of which occur randomly without any advance warning informing motorcyclists of the shoulder blockage. Shoulders are also sometimes used, with little or no advance warning, by vehicles attempting to avoid an imminent collision. HB 2589 HD 2 will exacerbate the already hazardous weaving of motorcycles in and out of shoulders, especially in congested traffic when there is little spacing between consecutive vehicles in the travel lanes.

Furthermore, pavement conditions on shoulders in most locations may not be as suitable as regular travel lanes that are better deigned and better maintained compared to shoulders. Poor pavement conditions on shoulders pose a hazard for the motorcyclists.

Additionally, the presence of potholes, debris, trach, etc. will force motorcyclists to engage in unsafe maneuvers forcing them closer to the pavement edge or congested travel lanes.

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Considering the aforementioned, we believe that allowing motorcycles to drive on shoulders is ill advised and will put traffic safety at risk.

We respectfully urge you to vote NO on HB 2589 HD 2.

Sincerely,
Liane Sumida
Liane Sumida
General Manager



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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 4:16:50 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dallas	Testifying for Street Bikers United Maui	Support	No

Comments:

Please consider approving this Bill. When in traffic, on my motorcycle, as is becoming more common, in coming and going to the westside, utilization of the shoulder is crucial. I have used the shoulder in the past as my transportation is AIR COOLED. I ride with my flashers on, do not go over 30 miles an hour and proceed with extreme caution. Allowing motorcycles to respectfully utilize the shoulder only in instances of stop and go traffic will include those of us on two wheels to be part of the commuting traffic.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2018 10:59:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James N Mork	Testifying for Street Bikers United	Support	No

Comments:

I support Bill HB2589 HD2

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 9:23:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Manabo Sato	Testifying for Moped Doctors Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

As a cofounder and director of Hawaii's largest independent moped shop chain Moped Doctors, We SUPPORT HB2589. Though mopeds are not exactly the same class as motorcycles and/or scooters, we believe that they are similar enough that such a measure , even if mopeds are not allowed to take advantage of this particular bill , its success may allow for a similar measure in the future for mopeds.. As ALL mopeds are air cooled, overheating standing still can be a possible issue . And to the average car driver, there is no Vvsible obvious difference in many cases between a moped (50cc engine and 2 horsepower) with a scooter (motorcycle class but has bigger displacement, then 50cc, more power then 2hp and faster then 30mph). which means that we as riders/drivers of two wheeled (and similar three wheeled vehicles) are all kindred in our vulnerability to the daily dangers from cars (which vastly outnumber us and are way better protected) we share the roads with . Riders of mopeds, motorcycles, scooters, bicycles are ALL similarly vulnerable and any measure which would reduce or eliminate danger to them and a better condition for all drivers overall via a faster, more efficient traffic flow will only do good , save lives and money and should be supported and passed. Thank you.

Manabo Sato

Moped Doctors Inc.

Director

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 4:51:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
john	Testifying for street bikers united	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2018 8:19:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Matsuoka	Testifying for sbuhi	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2018 8:34:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roch Leblanc	Testifying for SBU	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 11:13:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon Goo	Testifying for X SOLO CLUB	Support	No

Comments:

Traffic now a days there are more vehicles on the roadway, then 10 years back. Being a motorcycle ride being stuck in the grid lock the bike does get very hot and over heated. This law would accomodate the rider to move along cauciously around traffic. It seems reasonable to pass this law. Thank you..

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 4:57:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Paz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support using the shoulder lane during stop and go traffic. One morning I rode to work and the traffic was as usual very heavy. I had to stop abruptly and the vehicle behind me was not paying attention and had to skid to a stop behind me just 4 feet from my rear fender. The vehicles behind that vehicle were not paying attention as well which caused a multiple car pile up. There was nowhere for me to go in which case I was able to pull forward couple feet, after doing so the last vehicle hit the pile of cars moving it forward 3 more feet. I escaped without harm, but it could have been worse!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sumner stewart	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 4:33:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Natasha Fry	Testifying for Sbuhi	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 2:07:21 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jasmine Paige	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 2:25:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry Lamerson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 2:47:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Mase	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 2:51:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Keaweai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 2:50:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel Halverson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 2:53:58 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Inoshita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 3:27:46 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Len Fergusen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/1/2018 3:31:07 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lincoln Glenister	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen and safe motocyclist with 30+ years riding experience, HB2589 HD2 provided motocyclist the opportunity to safely pass traffic during congested/stalemate traffic, relieve road congestion and/or keep "air cooled" motorcycle engines from overheating.

Warm Regards,

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 3:56:53 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Reed Kano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 4:03:06 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Potter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 4:07:40 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Simon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 6:48:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ray Pagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 8:47:55 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Isaac Kaopua	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2018 4:37:57 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mari Baskin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2018 6:40:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Felix-Naku	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2018 9:33:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor Beebe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The proper use of the shoulder lanes would help our terrible traffic situation. Save wear and tear on our motorcycles due to overheating.

Thank you Victor Beebe

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Submitted on: 3/31/2018 1:06:36 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donald B Porter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Motorcyclists are the most conscientious drivers on the road. By the nature of being on a motorcycle and exposed to the elements around them they generally are extremely aware of traffic flow, potential unsafe actions of other motorists, and possess the judgment to apply the required traffic law changes associated with this bill. Additionally, the appropriate use of the shoulder will improve the flow of traffic and reduces problems associated with air cooled vehicles. I strongly support the adoption of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terrill Watkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2018 3:35:20 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terri Watkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2018 4:35:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ricky Quibodeaux	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/1/2018 12:54:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis Corrigan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/1/2018 8:25:40 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacob Gregson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Willie larry jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerald	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/30/2018 2:54:43 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sidney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This practice of lane sharing has been successful in states like California where it poses not problems. It will actually promote motorcycle ownership to help minimize traffic problems. aloha

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
michael regis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

WE NEED THIS VERY BADLY HERE

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edison	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Warren Scheidel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Michael Dinneen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Lionel Lumauag	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In Support of Bill HB2589 HD2.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Norman Batino Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: