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IN REPLY REFER TO:

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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March 14, 2018  
1:15 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 225

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

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

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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, pedestrians 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 what areas would be safe to designate shoulders that would allow motorcycles to use under certain conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 14, 2018

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation and Energy  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye 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 motorcycle operators to use designated shoulder lanes when traffic is 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 shoulder lanes. 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.

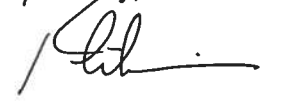
The HPD urges you to oppose House Bill No. 2589, H.D. 2, in its current form.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

  
Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

  
Ryan Nishibun, Major  
Traffic Division

March 14, 2018

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair  
Committee on Transportation and Energy  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Espero 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. HB 2589 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 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, trash, 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.

Sincerely,

*Liane Sumida*

Liane Sumida  
General Manager

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**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 5:09:22 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>   | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Robert Wong         | Testifying for Street Bikers United, Honolulu Harleys Owners Group. | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Hi, I am presently a member of Street Bikers United and Honolulu Harleys Owners Group.

I am in total support of HB 2589 for following reasons. I have been riding a motorcycle since 1973 to present. Since then, I've had two accidents in which I was rear ended from a result of being stuck in stop and go traffic. I really dread when I see rush hour traffic on the freeway. My last incident happened on Moanalua on the H-1. You have to put total faith in the motorist behind you that he or she is not frustrated because if being stuck in traffic. I was struck from the back and momentum slammed me in the truck in front of me. This incident involved 4 vehicles. So this bill would put us riders in a lane out of the car lane making it a lot safer for us riders. Please put yourself on a motorcycle in stop and go traffic not knowing when something from behind is going to hit you.

Another thing the bill covers is that our motorcycles are air cooled and there is the fear that our engines could overheat if we don't have enough air flow over the cooling fins. Putting us to the side could alleviate traffic problems. I see no reason to keep a motorcycle in stop and go traffic.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.



## Street Bikers United Hawaii (SBU) Submissions

March 14, 2018 - Rm 225 at 1:15 P.M.

### Bill HB No. 2589 HD2 (“RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES”)

Presenter: Bruce Paige, SBU State Director

Residence: Pearl City

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Introducer(s): AQUINO

Measure Title: RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES

Report Title: Transportation; Motorcycles; Shoulder Lane

Description: Authorizes the Department of Transportation to designate shoulders upon which the department may authorize the driving of motorcycles when traffic is stopped for an extended period at an intersection or due to traffic congestion.

### **SBU Recommends Its Members Support Bill HB No. 2589 HD2**

SBU recommends its membership support the Bill HB2589 HD2. In particular, “Shoulder Use” as described in Bill HB2589 HD2 effectively achieves the following benefits at no expense or “external cost” to the Hawai`i motoring public at large:

- (1) A “*Motorcycle Shoulder Use Law*” reduces the risk death, injury and damages sustained by Motorcycle operators and passengers (here “Motorcycle” is intended here to include Motor Scooter) caused by rear end accidents involving automobiles and other motor vehicles. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation stated in a report of the US Government Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that:

Under the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (“NHTSA”) National Center for Statistics and Analysis 2005 Report, studying causes of “Fatal Two-vehicle Motorcycle Crashes” of the 1,792 Motorcycle and passenger vehicle collisions reported eleven percent (11%) involved rear-end collisions involving Motorcycles either rear-ending the automobile 139 times (68%) or the automobile rear-ended Motorcycles 59 times (29%).<sup>1</sup>

- (2) Freeway and Highway Shoulder Use by Motorcycles will allow Motorcycles to move through stalled and stopped traffic, especially during gridlock on Hawai`i freeways and highways, thereby eliminating overheating problems associated with air-cooled Motorcycles, which, unlike motor vehicles, have no radiators and, therefore, rely on movement to maintain cooling. On freeways, stalled and overheated Motorcycles constitute an additional safety risk to their operators, passengers, and other motorists and emergency vehicles. A *Motorcycle Shoulder Use Law* eliminates the cause of overheating by allowing Motorcycles to move through stopped and gridlocked traffic, thereby eliminating the risk of serious personal injury and property damage. A stalled Motorcycle left on a shoulder is a hazard to emergency vehicles (i.e. Police, Firetrucks and Ambulances), so the solution is to prevent stalled Motorcycles in the first place, which the *Motorcycle Shoulder Use Law* will achieve.

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<sup>1</sup> DOT HS 810834 SEPTEMBER 2007, USDOT, NHTSA, [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) “Fatal Two-vehicle Motorcycle Crashes”

- (3) A *Motorcycle Shoulder Use Law* allows motorcycles and motor scooters to move through stopped traffic, which allows further alleviation of the traffic congestion and is a positive sum gain in relieving traffic congestion for all other motorists.

### SBU Points of Support for Bill HB2589 HD2:

HB2589 HD2 in its present form was supported by the Deputy Director of the DOT, Ed Sniffen and SBU who agreed during last years hearings that a committee of representatives from DOT, SBU, HPD and other relevant stake holders would meet periodically when necessary and desirable to discuss both: (1) implementation (i.e. which areas of Hawaii Roadway would be amenable to “motorcycle shoulder use signage” based on safety, and appropriateness to road surfaces and terrain) and (2) evaluation (i.e. how successful the motorcycle shoulder use program” was in accomplishing the legislative and policy goals of safety and convenience for the motoring public). That is why SBU felt the HPD and the Governors objections to this legislation were so unreasonable: The HPD would always have a direct input into where the signage would be placed and how effective it was in accomplishing the legislative objectives. The parties wanted HPD’s involvement in the processes to make this legislation work effectively for the motoring public as a whole. It was not just a “Motorcycle Bill” as the HPD tries to portray it.

Again this your SBU asks HPD to stand with DOT, SBU, and the Hawaii Motorcycling Public to make this Bill HB2589 HD2 a reality for everyone’s safety and not let “motorcycle bias” get in the way of life saving legislation..

HB2589 HD2 should be strongly supported by its members as a safety measure for Motorcyclists in the form submitted. Bill HB2589 HD2 accomplishes four clear benefits at no costs, traffic delays, or increased risks to safety or inconvenience to other motorist, these include:

1. Reduced risk of injury or death to Motorcyclists by an approximately 11% reduction in rear–end accidents involving Motorcycles (according to statistics);
2. Reduced incidents of stalled and over-heated Motorcycles and thereby reducing the associated costs, inconvenience and risks of injury sustained by Motorists stranded on the highways and freeways by overheated Motorcycles.
3. By ensuring emergency vehicles’ rights-of-way are not inhibited by stalled and overheated Motorcycles left on the shoulders, by eliminating the major cause (overheating) and risk of stalled Motorcycles in the first place.
4. Alleviation of traffic congestion as Motorcycles flow through stopped traffic using “signage designated” Freeway and Highway Shoulders.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

On Behalf of Street Bikers United Hawaii (SBU)

*Bruce Paige*

Bruce Paige  
SBU State Director

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 6:26:49 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Linda Rivera        | Testifying for SBU  | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

In SUPPORT OF: HB 2589 HD-2

My name is Linda Moga Rivera, I am Retired from The Department of Public Safety, Widow of retired HPD Detective Lieutenant Ignacio Rivera and daughter of retired HPD Patrolman Benjamin Torres. I am a member of SBU and the Mo'opuna O Hawaii motorcycle that's been around over 30 years supporting needy children, Senior Citizen programs.

As a Motorcyclist and Community Supporter I am writing to you to request your support for an important Bill that is before the House of Representatives Treasury and Judiciary Committees. My reasons are HB 2589 HD-2 are as listed: (1) helps prevent Motorcyclists (including Motor Scooter Operators) from sustaining unnecessary loss of life and injury due to rear-end collisions on Hawai'i roads, (2) preventing serious injury and even fatalities due to Motorcyclists being stranded on Highways and Freeways with overheating problems during gridlock; and (3) helping to alleviate traffic congestion during gridlock. I feel it will also invite more motorcyclists to use their motorcycle for daily work transportation instead of their vehicles that will also help in freeing up congested parking lot structures.

This is a win-win chance for the Hawai'i Motorcycle Community and Hawai'i Motorists generally. There are no losers to this bill as it also encourages motorcyclists to use their motorcycles as daily transportations loosening up some of the traffic gridlock that we are currently experiencing. Under this Bill "Lane Filtering" is not the same as "Lane Splitting", like in California, it is a much safer alternative for Hawai'i. It is in everyone's interest, which is why we request your help by ensuring that our bill is heard and also please voting yes to this potentially lifesaving initiative.

Respectfully

Linda Moga Rivera

Email: [moga@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:moga@hawaii.rr.com)





**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 5:35:04 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jose M. Picon       | Testifying for SBU  | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 8:09:04 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>           | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kalina Roman        | Testifying for Sun Riders LLC | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Please pass bill HB2589 for us Motorcycle Riders Safety and keeping us Alive! Drivers just don't see us motorcycles half the time on the Road.

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 9:38:02 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>                             | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ramon Miranda       | Testifying for Hawaii Street riders Association | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

I support this bill 100% , I have been riding for 52 years and have seen an experience being stalled in traffic many times especially on Hawaii roads where we have some of the worst traffic in the nation. Please pass this bill it will improve traffic when there is a standstill or major accidents and gridlock occurs, stalled motorcycles due to overheating only increases traffic grid lock. HB2589 HD2 WILL HELP

In SUPPORT OF: HB 2589 HD-2

My name is Roy Gomez, I am a Vietnam veteran, Retired from Pearl Harbor as a Marine Machinery Mechanic Branch Head and also the President of the Board of Directors of Kauluwela 2 housing community. I am the President of the Mo'opuna O Hawaii motorcycle that's been around over 30 years supporting needy children, Senior Citizen programs and a longtime member of Street Bikers United.

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Please feel free to contact me for any questions you might have on this issue.

Respectfully  
Roy Gomez  
thunderoadhi81.eg@gmail.com

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2018 1:09:32 AM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Grant Wolf          | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Well, as someone who has witnessed a lot of deaths of bikers on the road and the dangers of biking without having a proper shoulder lane designated for bikers where it is safe I do agree that this is something that could lower the death toll on most of our islands. We have to have some consideration for bikers who are ignored often timed by bigger vehicles on the road and have not the same choices due to the way a lot of our roads are constructed (especially here on Maui). I believe that bikers on motorcycles should have these types of amenities or safeguards rather for their mobility. I am not talking about the guys on their mopeds that cannot even reach the speed limit of 25 mph and have no business trying to side line on our highways. They should be ticketed on sight. I am talking about law abiding motorcyclist who do not have any room to move safely on the roads. I hope you will highly consider this bill. There is not a lot of shoulder room in Hawai'i for bikers other than seeing them getting knocked off a cliff due to lack of space and poor driving. Thanks for hearing me out.

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 3:12:27 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier<br/>Position</b> | <b>Present at<br/>Hearing</b> |
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| Ray Pagan           | Individual          | Support                       | No                            |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 3:26:45 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| DAVID JENKINS       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

I support this bill in the interest of motorcycle safety.



**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 3:35:55 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Reed Kano           | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 3:36:03 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Jasmine Paige       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 3:40:29 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier<br/>Position</b> | <b>Present at<br/>Hearing</b> |
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| Joe Silvestre       | Individual          | Support                       | Yes                           |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 3:50:13 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Larry               | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 3:58:31 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| LIBRADO COBIAN      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

I am in support of this Bill.

I have been riding motorcycles for 40 years, and a Professional Motorcycle Stunt Rider.

This Bill absolutely is safe for motorcycles.

Librado Cobian

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 3:59:42 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Ollie               | Individual          | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 4:00:11 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ryan Shimada        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Hi,

I was born and raised in Hawaii, only rode motorcycles (no cars at all) here for 4 years before moving to CA, when I moved to CA where I only had a motorcycle I learn about lane sharing or lane splitting and noticed how much safer it was to Ride in CA. Now with cellphones, it is even more dangerous to ride in Hawaii..

I believe this will also make a bigger impact on traffic than the rail.

Thank you Ryan

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 4:36:05 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jeff Potter         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Please consider and pass this bill as it will save lives.



**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 5:09:51 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| edison              | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 5:20:24 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alan Kazunaga       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 5:40:52 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kevin H Oda         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Traffic and congestion are getting worse on the island. Motorcycles should not be treated like cars as motorcycles have different safety features to protect the rider from harm in accident situations. The motorcycle safety features are it's smaller size, better acceleration, better braking, better maneuverability. However, once a motorcycle is involved in an accident there are no safety features other than the personal rider gear choice. Treating motorcycles as cars get rid of motorcycle safety features. Allowing motorcycles on the shoulder or in between cars allow the riders to utilize the motorcycle safety features and keeps the motorcycle away from blind spots and clear of any rear-end collision.

My observation is that many cars in traffic tend to be distracted a lot. As a motorcycle rider, I am always on the alert and watching 360 degrees around me because I will not put myself in a position where a car may change lanes in my path due to distraction or negligence.

My concern is not the number of accidents it is the human outcome of the accidents and the severity of the collision. In rear-end accidents, as well as T-Bone accidents, can be far more serious than a glancing accident. It is my belief that accidents will occur regardless of what rules are put in place but having a bill such as HB2589 can focus on the different features for different vehicles and take advantage of these features resulting in fewer accidents and less injury.

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 6:06:39 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Gordon Goo          | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 7:05:20 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Holly Reiplinger    | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 7:17:11 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Matthew Felix-Naku  | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 7:44:34 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rick McCabe         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Please help us get to where we are going without our motorcycles over heating!

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 7:46:02 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier<br/>Position</b> | <b>Present at<br/>Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Malana Paige        | Individual          | Support                       | No                            |

Comments:



**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 7:46:03 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Allan Raikes        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 8:04:12 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier<br/>Position</b> | <b>Present at<br/>Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Braanna Kunz        | Individual          | Support                       | No                            |

Comments:

**HB-2589-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 8:19:50 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Terrill Watkins     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

I support HB2589 because it will increase safety for motorcycle riders and passengers.

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| Eric Swynenberg     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Donald B Porter     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

I strongly support this proposed bill. With its implementation it will increase the safety of motorcycle and non motorcycle drivers throughout the state.

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Dervin Mann         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/13/2018 9:33:03 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Jeffrey Miller      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

3/13/18

Aloha,

My name is Jeffrey Miller, and I've been a resident of Hawaii since 1990 and a licensed motorcycle rider since 1995. I'm a fair-weather rider and prefer to ride my motorcycle to and from work daily, weather permitting.

Two of my biggest concerns when riding my motorcycle in Hawaii's traffic is getting rear ended and my motorcycle overheating and both of these have happened to me. In 1998 I was in rush-hour, stop and go traffic. Traffic was slowly creeping along when the car in front of me stopped. I then stopped, looked in my rearview mirror and at the same time, I was hit by the car behind me. I was not injured but my motorcycle had extensive damage to it. I have overheated a number of times which results in me having to pull over to the shoulder and wait until the motorcycle cools down. Each time caused a traffic jam due to rubberneckers. Luckily, I was always able to limp it to the shoulder before the engine stalled.

Allowing us (motorcycle riders) the ability to use the shoulder during high traffic tempos provides us safety and peace of mind. Safety; allowing us to get out of harms way from drivers who are preoccupied, not paying attention to the stopped motorcyclist in front of them. This would not only give us the right to move to the side, possibly saving ourselves but also the traffic nightmare that would follow. Peace of mind; knowing we have the right to use the shoulder to protect ourselves and not having to worry about repercussions from the police and insurance companies.

Many, if not most, motorcycles here in Hawaii are air-cooled. This means our motorcycles don't have a radiator giving the engine the ability to cool itself. Air-cooled motorcycles are cooled by the wind as the motorcycle is moving forward. When we are idling in stop and go traffic, our engines heat quickly rises to temperatures of 300+ degrees which results in the motorcycle overheating and or damage to the engine itself. Allowing us to move to the shoulder where we can continue moving forward, prevents us from breaking down causing a traffic jam or even worse an accident while the motorcyclist is trying to get his motorcycle off the road.

In my opinion, passing this bill will make it not only safer for motorcyclist but for all on the road while easing traffic at the same time.

Thank you for your consideration and taking the time to read my testimony.

Mahalo.

Jeffrey S. Miller

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Jacob Gregson       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Brant Perry         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Leimomi Perry       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Roch Leblanc        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Would make motorcycle riding much safer.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2018 8:25:27 AM

Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| James R Sowa        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/14/2018 12:57:54 PM

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| <b>Submitted By</b>   | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Kelvin N Asahina, DDS | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

My name is Kelvin N Asahina, DDS. I am a local dentist who happens to like to commute by motorcycle. I fully support HB2589 as I believe it provides a means to safely exit a bad or potentially dangerous situation as well as prevent overheating damage to my air cooled motorcycle or to myself when stuck hopelessly in what can be our hot Hawaiian sun.

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Testimony for TRE on 3/14/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Harry Greene        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Aloha,

As a motorcycle commuter for over 18 years I fully support this bill. It's great for getting people out of their cars and onto motorcycles which use less gas, take up fewer parking spaces in the city and do not cause gridlock or traffic congestion. Anything we can do to get motorcycles out of the flow of stalled traffic helps all roadway users and increases safety for all. This is an easy step towards making it legal for citizens to do what the police have always done, use the shoulders to move through traffic.

This measure is safe, efficient and benefits all freeway users. This is good for Hawaii. Please pass this bill.

Respectfully,

Harry Greene

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Joseph Mitchell     | Testifying for SBU  | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

