

HB-601-HD-2

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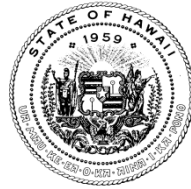
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry Dill	DOT Highways - Kauai	Support	No

Comments:

I am Larry Dill, District Engineer for the Kauai District of the Hawaii Department of Transportaton. The DOT stands on our submitted testimony in support of House Bill 601 Draft 2. I am available for questions.

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March 2, 2021
12:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Teleconference

**H.B. 601, H.D. 2
RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE**

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 601, H.D. 2 which proposes to amend the statewide traffic code to allow for the County Chiefs of Police to designate county employees to issue citations for traffic violations.

Certain locations on the State Highway system are located in the vicinity of recreation areas which are attractions to residents and visitors alike. Many of these attractions lack adequate facilities to accommodate the often-heavy demand for parking, and as a result, vehicles are often parked along the State highway in locations which result in hazards to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. In response, DOT has coordinated with local law enforcement in the establishment of No Parking zones to address these hazards. While local law enforcement has played a significant role in supporting the No Parking zones by issuing citations, resources are limited such that regular enforcement of the No Parking zones is not feasible. H.B. 601, H.D. 2 provides an opportunity for additional manpower to issue parking citations in these areas, which will enhance the safety of the State Highways for all users.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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The Waikiki Neighborhood Board supports the concept of the following bill: HB601

At the February 9, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board the Board voted in favor of the concept of this bill.

As reports of abandoned vehicles on both City and State property continue to grow this bill will help expedite removal of dangerous vehicular property from our streets and other properties.

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Chair

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Testimony of Michael A. Dahilig
Managing Director, County of Kauai

Before the
House Committee on Finance
March 2, 2021; 12:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308

In consideration of
House Bill 601 HD2
Relating to the Traffic Code

Honorable Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kaua'i **strongly supports** HB 601 HD2 which amends the statewide traffic code to allow for the county chiefs of police to designate county employees to issue citations for traffic violations.

During non-pandemic times, our state and county parks and beaches are overwhelmed with residents and visitors alike. Often parking restrictions or regulations are not in place or are ignored by people eager to enjoy our great outdoors whether it be our beautiful hiking trails or sandy beaches. With this, cars are often left dangerously parked on our state highways and county roads.

With a shortage in police officers in our Kaua'i Police Department and on police forces across our islands, we are challenged with addressing these parking violations. By adding capacity with designated city and county employees' ability to cite cars parked or stopped in violation of state traffic laws, we may tackle and deter these behaviors.

We are grateful for the assistance the Legislature has provided thus far in protecting resource areas that are heavily impacted by tourism, and appreciate this next step in providing the needed tools to adequately manage and protect our sensitive places while addressing community safety.

Thank you for your consideration in passing this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joel Guy	The Hanalei Initiative	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke and members of the committee,

We strongly support [HB 601, HD2](#) and are grateful you are considering its passage.

As you know this is one of those critical steps we can take that will allow management of current systems, and increase safety on our roadways and in our communities.

As always, please email text or call anytime if we can help in any way.

Joel Guy

The Hanalei Initiative

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chipper Wichman	National Tropical Botanical Garden	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair and Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair and members of the Finance Committee,

I am STONGLY in support of HB 601HD2 (Meter maid Bill) as it will provide new tools to help our community deal with the often-large number of cars whose drivers completely disregard the no parking zones set up to ensure the safety of the public and help manage visitor numbers in our community. I am testifying today as the President of the National Tropical Botanical Garden which operates four botanical gardens in Hawaii including two that are heavily impacted by illegally parked cars.

One of our gardens is Limahuli Garden and Preserve which is located on the north shore of Kauai. We are located immediately adjacent to HÄ• 'ena State Park and as a result I have been very involved with supporting Rep Nadine Nakamura's efforts to establish the No Parking Zones in HÄ• 'ena to help manage the thousands of visitors that overwhelm our community every day.

We were pleased to host you for lunch at Limahuli Garden when the Finance Committee came on their site visit in November 2019 to see HÄ• 'ena State Park. Because you have been there you can appreciate the importance of enforcing the No Parking zones that were created by the legislature following the 2018 flood event.

I am supportive of the compromises and changes that have been made and which are now represented in HD2 and I strongly urge you to pass this bill and support it becoming law. This bill will ultimately improve safety for all highway users and pedestrians and minimize negative impacts of illegally parked cars to surrounding neighborhoods.

Mahalo for your support of HB601 HD2 it will make a huge difference!!!!

Chipper Wichman, Ph.D., FLS, President
NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

The mission of the National Tropical Botanical Garden is to enrich life through discovery, scientific research, conservation, and education by perpetuating the survival of plants, ecosystems, and cultural knowledge of tropical regions.



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House of Representatives
Committee on Finance

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

March 2, 2021

H.B. 601, H.D. 2 – RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO provides comments on H.B. 601, H.D. 2 which amends the statewide traffic code to authorize County Police Chiefs to designate other county employees, such as trained county staff or park rangers to cite for certain traffic violations. This is not a daily function for positions outside of law enforcement and designating this task to other county employees significantly impacts an employee's condition of employment, and the terms must be negotiated and mutually agreed upon. It also raises issues of liability for affected employees and the counties.

Law Enforcement Officers have been trained and possess the skill set to enforce and address violations in accordance with law. Further discussions are necessary to assess which trained county staff are being considered to perform these tasks.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on H.B. 601, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Imperato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly urge you to support HB 601 HD2.

Illegal parking has for a long time created serious congestion and safety problems on Kauai's north shore. The well-known lack of a sufficient number of police officers to enforce parking regulations further encourages drivers to ignore parking regulations, secure in the knowledge that it is very unlikely that they will be cited.

By enabling county police departments to designate other county employees to issue citations, HB 601 HD2 would help to restore credibility to the state's parking regulations, increase compliance with those regulations, and reduce congestion and increase safety along the affected highways and roads.

It is crystal clear that there is a great need for this long-overdue legislation, that its passage would be in the public interest, and that there can only be benefits (and no harms) if this legislation is passed. Therefore, if there are any implementation details that need to be worked out, they can certainly be dealt with after this legislation is approved.

For these reasons, please vote in favor of HB 601 HD2.