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**Testimony Supporting HB757**

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and esteemed members of the Committee on Transportation:

Hawaii Bicycling League strongly supports House Bill 757, which requires the state Department of Transportation and county transportation departments to adopt a Vision Zero policy of the State and it establishes a task force to create recommendations for implementation.

One-hundred and seventeen people died on Hawaii's streets in 2018. This was part of an ongoing epidemic of traffic violence. In 2017, 106 people died and in 2015 120 people died. Every one of these deaths is a preventable tragedy. This is, in the clearest of terms, a crisis facing our community. We deserve safety and we need bold action to stop traffic deaths and serious injuries.

Vision Zero is a bold policy declaration that we will not accept traffic deaths and that we can and must act to stop traffic deaths. The bold statement of Vision Zero must be backed by equally bold actions – dedicating resources to better understanding where and how traffic deaths and serious injuries are occurring, developing clear and specific plans for engineering, enforcement, and education actions, and most importantly, the resources to implement with the speed and urgency knowing that lives depend on it.

Thank you for your work on HB757 to advance Vision Zero. We urge that Section 2 of the bill be amended to include the county police departments and all departments that have a role in implementing engineering, enforcement, and education solutions to make our streets safe for all with language such as "The department of transportation, the county transportation departments, county police departments, and all departments that have a role in implementing engineering, enforcement, and education solutions shall adopt a vision zero policy that seeks to prevent and ultimately eliminate all traffic fatalities through a combination of engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency response strategies that focus on equity."

Thank you very much for considering the comments of Hawaii Bicycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, [Daniel@hbl.org](mailto:Daniel@hbl.org)) or Chad Taniguchi (808-255-8271).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

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