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Testimony in Support of HB1676 Relating to Highway Safety

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

Hawaii Bicycling League **supports with amendments** House Bill 1676 which establishes a 3-year pilot program for photo red light imaging detector systems. The overall intent to establish a pilot program is commendable. Last session the legislature determined that red light running is dangerous, and that red light cameras reduce red light running, crashes, injuries, and deaths.

Act 131 (2019) established a red light running committee to develop policy recommendations for a red light running pilot program. This red light committee included **all** county police, transportation/public works, and prosecutors; state transportation department, judiciary, and public defenders; and non-profit advocates from the Hawaii Bicycling League, MADD, AAA Hawaii, and a staff member of the Portland Bureau of Transportation. The red light committee reached agreement on the report recommendations. The report represents best practices in red light running photo enforcement as considered by government agencies who would implement the red light program.

However, this bill proposes provisions that contradict some of the recommendations made by the red light committee.

Red Light Committee recommendation	HB1676
take photographs of the vehicle running the red light and hold the registered owner liable (20 states do this); use driver photograph only when needed	require photograph of driver (3 states do this)
provide notification of citation by first class mail	registered or certified mail (expensive and not effective)

Red Light Committee recommendation	HB1676
allow 10 days for the citation to be mailed (other jurisdictions allow 14, 21, or 30 days)	72 hours
allow the county police and transportation agencies to make determination of camera locations island-wide based on data regarding red light running incidents, volume/traffic counts, fatalities, injuries, crashes, and citations	10 highest crash intersections within specifies boundaries of major arterials in Honolulu city
pilot program to be three years from start of camera operations (allowing for preparation, training, and procurement)	three years from 7/1/20 - 6/30/23

Hawaii Bicycling League suggests that HB2008 Relating to Highway Safety incorporates more of the committee recommendations.

Please consider amending this bill with the content of HB2008, or hearing and passing HB2008.

Ride and Drive Aloha,



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