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Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports SB 1195, SD 1, Relating to Transportation

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

My name is Eduardo Hernandez, and I am the Advocacy Director of the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, and roll.

Hawai'i Bicycling League supports SB 1195, SD 1, which addresses roadway safety by restricting parking at certain intersections. This is a proven and cost-effective solution to save lives, especially for vulnerable road users. Across the country and around the world, jurisdictions are implementing solutions like this, known as day-lighting to increase visibility.

While the increased visibility helps everyone—drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians—interact more safely, daylighting especially helps seniors, kids, and slower-moving people, who are otherwise blocked from seeing and being seen by oncoming traffic by parked cars. A daylit intersection can mean the difference between a fifth grader who can walk to school or soccer practice on her own and one who can't experience this developmentally-important graduated independence.

This bill builds on Complete Streets statutes that have been adopted by the state and counties and prioritizes transportation equity for people regardless of their mode of transportation. It also will help people to choose walking, biking, and rolling as a transportation option, because it will feel safer. This aligns with the State of Hawai'i's commitment in the court ordered Navahine v. HDOT settlement agreement and sets a standard that can lead to beautifying intersections with art, infrastructure, and plantings in the future.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. We encourage your support for **SB 1195, SD1**.

Ride Aloha,
S/Eduardo Hernandez

Eduardo Hernandez
Advocacy Director