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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
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**Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports HB 1524, HD2, Relating to Pedestrians**

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

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.

HBL supports HB 1524, HD2 to promote fairness in the State's traffic laws by ensuring fines for pedestrian infractions are reasonable, proportionate, and not unduly punitive.

Given that 2025 was one of the deadliest years in decades on Hawai'i roads, it is imperative to take bold action to influence public behavior change and raise awareness about road safety for all road users, especially vulnerable users, including pedestrians. This is aligned with Vision Zero principles which have been adopted by the State and the Counties. It also supports creating walkable communities and Honolulu's 2026 Charter Amendment for a more bike- and pedestrian-friendly city.

In recognizing that fines for pedestrian infractions should be proportionate to the level of risk they can cause, this bill helps to move towards better understanding of road user responsibilities. It also reduces burdens for people who are already economically vulnerable and very real risks for further marginalization of this population. Finally by capping penalties for pedestrians, this bill begins to right-size priorities away from car-centric land use and transportation policies to more sustainable and health-focused policies.

HBL urges you to support this bill with a suggested \$25 cap on fines. This will help leverage the economic, health and environmental benefits the bill presents, so that individuals and families can be better supported in their active transportation. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

S/Eduardo Hernandez

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