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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
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**Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports SB 2463, SD1,
Relating to Use of Intoxicants While Operating a Vehicle**

Aloha Chair Kila, Vice Chair Miyake, 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.

Hawai'i Bicycling League supports SB2463, SD1, the purpose of which is to lower the blood alcohol content threshold for driving while under the influence of alcohol from .08 to .05 or more grams of alcohol to reduce impaired driving and fatal crashes.

Nationally, nearly 20% of crashes resulting in a fatality of someone walking or biking involve a person driving while intoxicated. In Hawai'i, an estimated 40% of all traffic fatalities involve alcohol. This measure has the potential to significantly reduce the risk of alcohol-related crashes, ultimately saving lives and preventing immeasurable pain and loss for families and communities. Close to 100 countries around the world have set BAC limits at 0.05 BAC or lower. All states and territories in Australia have a 0.05 BAC limit, and their per-capita alcohol consumption is higher than that in the United States. Most of Europe, including Spain, France, Austria, Italy, and Germany have established their limit at 0.05 g/dL, while Sweden, Norway, Japan, and Russia have enacted their BAC limit at 0.02 g/dL.

People walking and biking are among the most vulnerable users of our roads. They lack the protective shield that vehicles provide, making them practically susceptible to the actions of impaired and distracted drivers.

Passing this bill will send a clear message that we are prioritizing the safety of all road users.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important matter.

Ride Aloha,

Eduardo Hernandez
Advocacy Director