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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
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Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports SB 2695, SD1, relating to Pedestrian Safety

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.

HBL supports SB 2695, SD1 to clarify driver obligations at crosswalks with enhanced requirements for stopping/yielding to pedestrians; strengthens penalties for violations, particularly in school zones; creates additional criminal penalties when pedestrians suffer bodily injuries as well as heightened protections for blind and visually impaired pedestrians.

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.

HBL urges you to support this bill and help leverage the safety benefits it presents so that individuals and families can be better protected in crosswalks statewide. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

S/Eduardo Hernandez

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