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The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

SUBJECT: HOUSE BILL NO. 66, RELATING TO STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE

Dear Chair Yamane and Members:

The Kauai Police Department **supports** the passage of House Bill No. 66, Relating to Statewide Traffic Code.

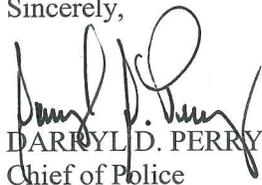
House Bill 66 adds a new section to Chapter 291E, part I requiring conditions of a defendant prior to their release if arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant.

The proposed section for Chapter 291E-61, 291E-61.5, of the Hawaii Revised Statutes states, that a person arrested for this section is not to be released from custody unless: 1) the person is no longer under the influence of any alcohol or drug; 2) there is .05 or less grams of alcohol per one hundred milliliters/cubic centimeters of the person's blood, etc.; 3) eight hours have elapsed from the time of arrest.

The Kauai Police Department believes this bill will keep our roadways safer for both the arrested impaired driver and other innocent users of our thoroughfares by having the affects of the impairment to be reduced significantly before being released.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


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