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TO: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs

FROM: Kelly T. King  
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 18, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE  
INTENT OF HB 757, HD1, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of the intent** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to require the State Department of Transportation and county transportation departments to adopt "Vision Zero" policies to prevent and eliminate traffic fatalities.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support the intent of this measure for the following reasons:

1. According to the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization, an average of 18 lives are lost every year in traffic accidents on Maui. Any number of traffic fatalities is unacceptable, and we should strive to bring the number down to zero statewide.
2. Local efforts to reduce traffic fatalities are underway and would be enhanced by this measure. Former Mayor Arakawa made a Vision Zero proclamation in September 2018 to bring traffic fatalities in Maui County to zero by 2040. The Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization will host a series of "Vision Zero Activation" events this year to highlight solutions like roundabouts, crosswalks, and education and enforcement programs to enhance traffic safety.
3. Financial support will be needed for the infrastructure and enforcement necessary to eliminate traffic fatalities. I request that the Legislature consider providing funding for Vision Zero initiatives with the counties to help us accomplish our traffic-safety goals.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support the intent** of this measure.