

MT Committee

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Aloha Members,

Please see the attached letter.

Mahalo,

Anela Keko'olani

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Aloha,

Please refer to the attached PDF copy of a letter which the Maui Police Department stands in support of proposed state bill entitled, "A Bill For An Act Relating To The Use Of Intoxicants While Operating A Vehicle".

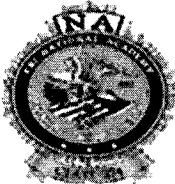
Due to the time sensitivity of the deadline for submission by Thursday, October 10, 2019, we are emailing our letter. The original document will be mailed to President Joey Manahan and Members of the Executive Committee.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself.

Mahalo,
Capt. Scott Migita

Captain Scott Y. Migita

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October 8, 2019

Joey Manahan, President,
and Members of the Executive Committee
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RE: Roadway Safety

Dear President Manahan and Members of the Executive Committee:

The Maui Police Department strongly SUPPORTS proposed state bill entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE".

At its recent meeting on September 30, 2019, the County of Maui's Multimodal Transportation Committee discussed the effects of liquor and drug use on drivers accounting for 66 percent of traffic fatalities on Maui's roadways. Lowering the threshold of Blood-Alcohol Concentration (BAC) for the offense of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant from 0.08 to 0.05 will contribute to saving more lives, prevent catastrophic injuries, and decrease medical costs.

In 2013, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii found that the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommended that all 50 states adopt a Blood-Alcohol Concentration cutoff of 0.05 compared to the 0.08 standard, and that lowering the rate to 0.05 would save about 500 to 800 lives annually.

Further, according to the NTSB, a driver with a BAC of 0.05 would be affected by exaggerated behavior, loss of small-muscle control and eye focus, impaired judgement, lowered alertness, and release of inhibition. The results would be reduced coordination, reduced ability to track moving objects, difficulty steering, and reduced response to emergency driving situations.

For these reasons, the Maui Police Department asks you and your Executive Committee to SUPPORT this proposed state bill.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Captain Scott Migita at (808) 244-6446.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Police