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TECHNOLOGY (ITT) Meeting**

Meeting Date: Mar 4, 2026 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Jacob Wiencek	Email: jacob.m.wiencek@pm.me	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2026 @ 10:47 PM
Testimony: Aloha Councilmembers, I am glad to see Bill 73 back on track. This proposal is crucial to reforming our traffic system and full of necessary technical changes. I believe this bill will have a positive impact on the sustainable development of Honolulu. I strongly urge the committee to SUPPORT this bill!		
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Representing: CARES Community Advocacy Research Education Services	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Mar 3, 2026 @ 07:30 PM
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DATE: March 4, 2026

TO: Honolulu City Council
Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Chair
Councilmember Val A. Okimoto, Vice Chair

FROM: Tiffany Yajima

RE: **Bill 73 (25) – Relating to Transportation**
Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Dear Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Okimoto, and Members on the Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation and Technology:

On behalf of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (“Auto Innovators”) we submit this testimony in support of section 14 of Bill 73, Relating to Transportation.

The Alliance for Automotive Innovation is the singular, authoritative and respected voice of the automotive industry. Focused on creating a safe and transformative path for sustainable industry growth, the Alliance for Automotive Innovation represents the manufacturers producing nearly 99 percent of cars and light trucks sold in the U.S. Members include motor vehicle manufacturers, original equipment suppliers, technology, and other automotive-related companies and trade associations.

Auto Innovators supports section 14 of this bill, exempting OEM-installed vehicle operating systems from the prohibition against TV screens in vehicles.

Unlike aftermarket devices or TV receivers, OEM systems do not stream television broadcasts or entertainment video while the vehicle is in motion. These vehicle displays provide safety features such as vehicle information, GPS and mapping systems, and supplemental visual displays (e.g., back-up cameras) that are positioned and programmed to minimize distraction with certain functions disabled while the vehicle is in motion.

OEM-installed vehicle operating systems are designed to meet federal safety regulations under the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS), which govern electronic displays and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) guidelines on driver distraction and human-machine interface design. These systems are integrated during vehicle design and undergo rigorous testing for usability, safety, and reliability.

This amendment would make clear that OEM-installed vehicle operating systems are exempt under ROH 15-19.39 and for these reasons Auto Innovators supports this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.