

**Testimony Presented Before the Council
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to City Council Bill 8.

In 2012, the City Council unanimously passed Bill 26 making it the policy of the City to strive to make all of our streets safe for walking, biking, and driving. At the core of the Complete Streets law is that "every transportation facility or project, whether new construction, reconstruction, or maintenance, provides the opportunity to implement complete streets policy and principles". This is crucial to making our roads safe for all users in timely and cost efficient manner.

Our Complete Streets law requires that a checklist is used on every project to ensure that bicycle and pedestrian issues are being addressed wherever possible. This step in the process of thinking about those that walk and bike is essential to ensure we take advantage of opportunities to improve our streets (like with Kamehameha IV Road). Bill 8 would require every project's Complete Streets checklist be brought before the City Council for their approval before the project can receive any funding. This would translate into literally thousands of projects being brought before City Council, which would mean delay and many projects simply moving forward without any Complete Streets improvements - **the exact opposite of what are Complete Streets law was intended to do.**

A car hit me on my bicycle on Waialae prior to the improvements that were made in that area. My injuries were significant and resulted in a trip to Queen's Hospital in an ambulance. I believe that all that has been accomplished to move our island toward "Complete Streets" along with all of the efforts to make our roads safer for all who use them should not be compromised. I oppose Bill 84 and ask you to once again show your support for the community's commitment to Complete Streets and making Honolulu bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.