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Council Chair and Members of the Transportation & Planning Committee

Written testimony of Wayne Greenleaf
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Proposed Bill 4, CD2 (09)

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Aloha Honorable Council members,

My name is Wayne Greenleaf and I SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS the purpose of Bill 4 (09) to promote traffic safety by controlling cell phone use and texting by drivers.

As both a commercial and amateur radio operator, I would like to submit the following for your consideration;

1) I fully support proposed Bill 4, CD2 (OCS/040109/10:06/HM) (Okino version), as it exempts commercial two-way and amateur radio operations by drivers holding a valid amateur radio operator license issued by the federal communications commission using a half-duplex two-way radio.

2) I support proposed Bill 4, CD2 (OCS/040309/01:07/HM) (Apo version), However, I submit that as defined in Section (a) (1) "using a mobile electronic device up to or near one's ear", where a two-way radio microphone held up to the mouth could be misinterpreted as near one's ear, unless there is a clear exemption for two-radio equipment. Therefore I would like to suggest with the following change to the definition of "mobile electronic device".

"Mobile electronic device" means any hand-held or other portable electronic equipment capable of cellular telephone calls, text messaging, paging, video games or video entertainment but does not include two-way radios.

The more specific language for a mobile electronic communications, gaming or video device, plus a clear exemption for two-way radio should limit the safety impact of the combined cellular telephone - push-to-talk walkie devices (such as offered by Nextel and Verizon) and clarify the needs of two-way radio users.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony to Bill 4 and both proposed CD2. Thank you for your efforts and support of two-way radio users and of amateur radio.

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