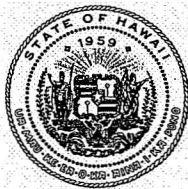


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January 25, 2008

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

BILL NUMBER: HOUSE BILL NO. 1101, H.D. 1

TITLE: RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSES.

DESCRIPTION: PERMITS THE EXAMINER OF DRIVERS TO WAIVE THE KNOWLEDGE TEST FOR AN APPLICANT REAPPLYING FOR A HAWAII DRIVER'S LICENSE WHERE THE APPLICANT HOLDS A VALID LICENSE FROM ANOTHER STATE OR TERRITORY AND THE APPLICANT'S PRIOR HAWAII LICENSE WOULD HAVE EXPIRED NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF THE REAPPLICATION.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports this bill.

COMMENTS: Current law already allows drivers with a valid license from another state to drive on our roads. The bill does not appear to compromise a traffic safety issue. Many states waive all testing if the applicant has a valid driver's license issued by another state and the validity of the person's driver's license can be verified electronically.

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January 23, 2008

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 302
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 1101 H.D.1, Relating to Driver Licenses

The City and County of Honolulu is in favor of H.B. No. 1101 H.D.1 which waives the requirement for the knowledge test if an applicant has a valid license issued from another United States jurisdiction, province of Canada or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Since the majority of jurisdictions have adopted uniform motor vehicle laws, this bill will allow for similar reciprocity that is currently permitted for commercial driver's license in accordance with Section 286-236(g), HRS.

The City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui urges your favorable action on H.B. No. 1101 H.D.1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

DENNIS A. KAMIMURA
Licensing Administrator

DAK:bk

JUDtestimony

From: Kirsten Smith Ralston [ksmithralston@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008 1:36 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: testimony in support of HB1101 HD1

Dear Representative/ Chair Waters,

I write to respectfully request that you support and pass HB1101 HD1. This bill is about drivers licenses and will greatly simplify processes for our local DMV. This simplified process for transferring a valid out of state license for a Hawaii license will likely save State funds.

The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Committee on Judiciary on Friday January 25th at 2:00 pm.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
Kirsten S. Ralston
citizen
808-358-4486

JUDtestimony

From: Tyler Ralston [kahalas@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008 1:28 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Testimony in support of HB1101 HD1 relating to drivers licenses

Dear Chair Waters,

Please pass HB1101 HD1 relating to drivers licenses scheduled to be heard in the Committee on Judiciary on Friday January 25th at 2:00 pm. Its a simple bill that will streamline processes in the DMV and ultimately save the State of Hawaii money.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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