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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2954 – RELATING TO TOWING.

**TO THE HONORABLE JOSEPH M. SOUKI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:**

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify in opposition to House Bill No. 2954, Relating to Towing. My name is Stephen Levins, and I am the Executive Director of the Department's Office of Consumer Protection.

House Bill No. 2954 seeks to reinstate towing charges that were just prohibited by this Legislature a mere seven months ago. At that time, the towing law, section 290-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, was amended to allow towing companies to increase their fees considerably. Pursuant to Act 269, towing fees increased from \$55 to \$65,