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February 13, 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. 3023 H.D.1, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver's Licenses

The City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui are in favor of H.B. No. 3023 H.D.1 which provides various amendments to the period that a driver license shall be valid.

The bill will allow our servicemembers to legally drive for 90 days upon return from an out-of-country deployment if their driver license had expired during their deployment. This extension will provide sufficient time for a Hawaii licensed servicemember to renew the license, especially if the servicemember is not redeployed directly back to Hawaii.

The bill extends the term of the license from six to eight years for persons between the ages of 25 and 71. If the State of Hawaii decides to be compliant with the Real ID Act, the maximum term of a license will be eight years.

The bill reduces that term of a license from six to four years for persons between the ages of 19 and 24. Previously, individuals in this highest risk group were issued four-year licenses.

Lastly, the examiner of drivers abides with the recommendation of licensing periods recommended by the State Medical Advisory Board. The amendment authorizing the examiner of drivers to issue a license for a shorter period based upon recommendation by the State Medical Advisory Board will codify our current practice.

We request that Section 4 of the bill be amended to November 3, 2008 to ensure IT support on the first day of implementing the new driver license terms.

The City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui urge your favorable action on H.B. No. 3023 H.D.1 as amended.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dennis A. Kamimura in black ink.

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