



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 7, 2008

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 3023

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

We understand the intent of the bill, however we do not believe this bill is necessary. We believe that current statutes already provide adequate time for a person to renew a driver's license with special provisions for members of the United States armed forces. Also, adequate checks into the applicant's identity and eligibility must be done on a timely basis near the time of issuance.

A driver's license can be renewed six months prior to expiration or ninety days after expiration and by mail for no more than two consecutive renewals. However, military personnel outside of the state on official military orders may renew by mail any number of times. If military personnel cannot renew the driver's license by mail during this period and the license expires, they may renew within ninety days after they return to the state without having to retest. The reactivation fee of five dollars for each 30-day period following the ninety days after expiration of the driver's license is also waived for military personnel.

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February 5, 2008

The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Public Safety
and Military Affairs
The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 313
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Evans, Chair Souki and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 3023, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver's License

The City and County of Honolulu is opposed to H.B. No. 3023 which will allow active duty service members to apply for a driver license renewal twenty-four months prior to the driver license expiration date.

Depending upon when the service member applies for a renewal, Hawaii will effectively be issuing a driver's license that will be valid up to eight years. This eight-year license would be available only to service members. Currently, any applicant that is issued a Hawaii driver's license is able to renew by mail within six months prior to the license expiration date and 90 days after expiration, without penalty. Additionally, any applicant may renew a driver's license within one year after its expiration date. Service members on active federal service outside of the State may file for a renewal within 90 days of the applicant's return to the State or discharge from hospitalization and the reactivation fee is waived.

The City and County of Honolulu recommends that H.B. No. 3023 be held.

Sincerely,

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

DENNIS A. KAMIMURA
Licensing Administrator

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 3023
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE
ADJUTANT GENERAL
February 7, 2008

Chair Evans, Chair Souki, and Committee Members:

I am Major General Robert G. F. Lee, State Adjutant General. I am testifying on House Bill 3023. This bill allows active service member of the U. S. armed forces to apply for renewal of driver's license twenty-four months prior to the date of expiration.

We do not feel this measure is necessary. Act 221, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2006, allows for the renewal of a driver's license by a member of any component of the U. S. armed forces serving outside the State of Hawaii. The service member has ninety days after the return from deployment or release from the hospital to renew the driver's license. The examiner of drivers may waive the license reactivation fee.

Chair Evans, Chair Souki, this concludes my testimony. Are there any questions?