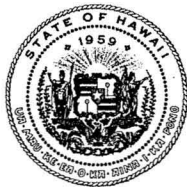


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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 3203

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly supports this administration bill, which will enhance safety on our highways by seeking to ensure that only safe drivers operate commercial motor vehicles.

The intent of the proposed change is to meet the requirement of a federal regulation (49 CFR §384.210) by specifying language to prohibit the court-issuance of a hardship license to a commercial driver. Legislation is needed to limit this restricted license to individuals who do not hold a commercial driver's license (CDL) and bring state practice into compliance with federal law.

Failure to enact these changes to meet the regulation of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration could result in the loss of approximately \$4,700,000 (or 5 percent) of federal-aid highway funds (based on fiscal year 2006-2007 funding) for the first year of non-compliance and \$9,500,000 (or 10 percent) per year thereafter. Grant funds for the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (\$700,302 in fiscal year 2006-2007) could also be withheld for each year of noncompliance.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
ON HB 3203 RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVERS**

Thank you Chair Souki and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association which has 360 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

HTA supports this bill which seeks to conform state statutes to the already existing requirements in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

Thank you.