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Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
State of Hawaii

Hearing: March 27, 2008 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 211

Re: HB 509, SD1 --- Relating to Transportation

Dear Chair Baker and Honorable Committee Members:

My name is Aaron Medina and I am the General Manager, Hawaii, with The Hertz Corporation.

Our company supports this bill and the comments on the bill expressed by Catrala- Hawaii.

This bill is in the public's best interest. It will generate additional revenues for our State's airport system. It will allow much needed improvements to u-drive facilities and operations so that Hawaii airports are on par with major airports across the United States, and are efficient and user friendly for all travelers utilizing our airports.

As the DOT proceeds with airport planning and improvements, it is important and vital to the u-drive industry that its facility requirements be considered in those discussions. Land area is becoming scarce. The passage of this bill will provide the necessary funding that will allow the industry to be a part of such discussions and planning.

No Cost to State; Better Facilities and Services: Many of you have experienced the major CFC projects at mainland airports, which include common bussing and a large u-drive structure with multiple companies. Such facilities and services are typically funded by CFC fees, charged to customers renting vehicles at such airports. In doing so, such improved facilities and services are provided at no cost to the State.

In addition to immediate collection of funds for necessary planning, this bill also seeks to appropriate monies for immediate and necessary improvements at the Kahalui Airport. U-drive vehicles have been flooded, under carriage of vehicles damaged, and workers injured at a common storage facility at this airport. These critical improvements to the facility are long overdue and the temporary fixes by the DOT will not last long, resulting in renewed problems and difficulties.

In closing we urge you to pass this bill and keep this important measure alive. Thank you for allowing us to testify.