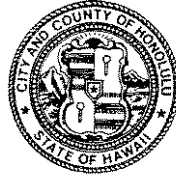


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February 19, 2008

The Honorable Russell S. Kokubun, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection
and Affordable Housing
The Senate
State Capitol, Room 407
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Kokubun and Committee Members:

Subject: S.B. No. 2094 S. D.1, Relating to Driver Licenses

The City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui are in favor of the intent of S.B. No. 2094 S.D.1 which waives the requirement for the knowledge test if an applicant has a valid license issued from another United States jurisdiction, provinces of Canada or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

We are opposed to the inclusion of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Island, and the Republic of Palau. The driver licensing programs for these three nations have not been reviewed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, or the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. As such, we do not know what standards are used for the written rules of the road test or the performance road test. Additionally, these nations are not a participant of the United Nations Convention of Road Traffic and therefore their driver's licenses are not recognized as being valid for operation of a vehicle in any United States jurisdiction.

We recommend that S.B. No. 2094 S.D.1 be further amended by deleting the amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that include these three nations.

The Honorable Russell S. Kokubun, Chair
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Lastly, we recommend that Section 3 of the bill be amended to read: "This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that section 1 shall apply to driver's licenses issued after November [4] 2, 2008." November 1, 2008 is a Saturday and our IT personnel have requested that the driver license program changes be implemented on a work day to ensure adequate support.

The City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui urge your favorable action on S.B. No. 2094 S.D.1, with our recommended amendments.

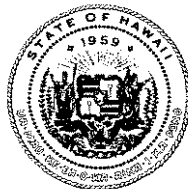
Sincerely,

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February 22, 2008

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE BILL NO. 2094, S.D. 1

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We support this bill.

Current law already allows drivers with a valid license from another state to drive on our roads. The bill does not appear to compromise traffic safety. Many states waive all testing if the applicant has a valid driver's license issued by another state and the validity of the driver's license can be verified electronically.

testimony

From: Tyler Ralston [kahalas@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 9:15 PM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony in support of SB 2094

Testimony from Tyler C. Ralston in favor of SB 2094
To be heard on Friday February 22, 2008 at 9:00 am
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing

Dear Chair Kokubun, Vice-Chair Ige, and Committee Members,

I write to express my strong support for SB 2094 relating to drivers licenses. It's a very simple bill that will greatly streamline processes in the DMV and ultimately save the State of Hawaii money. Please support/pass the bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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testimony

From: Kirsten Smith Ralston [ksmithralston@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 9:26 PM

To: testimony

Subject: testimony in favor of SB 2094

Testimony from Kirsten S. Ralston in favor of SB 2094

To be heard on Friday February 22, 2008 at 9:00 am

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing

Dear Chair Kokubun, Vice-Chair Ige, and Committee Members,

Please support/pass SB 2094 relating to drivers licenses. This simple bill will enable the DMV to provide simpler and more cost-effective services. Thank you for considering my support of this bill as you hear SB 2094 on Friday.

Sincerely,
Kirsten S. Ralston