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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 27, 2008

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE BILL NO. 2094, SD 2, HD 1

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

We support this bill.

These drivers are already exempt from our licensing laws under HRS 286-105 and may drive here with their valid driver's license. Therefore, it does not appear that a highway safety issue would be compromised if knowledge testing is waived for this specific group of drivers.

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March 24, 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: S.B. No. 3240 SD1 HD1, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver's License

The City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui is in favor of S.B. No. 3240 SD1 HD1 which will amend the driver license periods and allow the expired driver's license of a service member who is deployed outside the United States to remain valid for ninety days after return.

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 24 years of age or less. Previously, individuals in this high 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.

The City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui recommend your favorable consideration of S.B. No. 3240 SD1HD1.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dennis A. Kamimura in cursive.

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