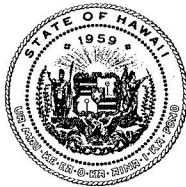


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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE BILL NO. 2094

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

We support the intent of this bill but have concerns about including countries outside the U.S. jurisdiction.

We agree that reciprocity should be limited to any of the political units and divisions of the United States. However, individuals from countries outside of the U.S. jurisdiction should be required to take both the knowledge and road tests.

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March 7, 2008

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 441
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Committee Members:

Subject: S.B. No. 2094 S. D.2, 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.2 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.2 be further amended by deleting the amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that include these three nations.

Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
March 7, 2008
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Lastly, we recommend that Section 3 of the bill be amended to take effect upon approval.

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.2, with our recommended amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "K".

DENNIS A. KAMIMURA
Licensing Administrator

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