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FROM: BARNABY ROBINSON

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2008

RE: TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL SB2914

POSITON: **IN FAVOR OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE TO REINSTATE OVERTIME CHARGES, AND REQUIRE 24/7 MANNING OF IMPOUND YARD TO RELEASE TOWED VEHICLES.**

My name is Barnaby Robinson, owner of Waialae Towing service.

Last year the tow industry came to the legislature for the first rate increase since 2002. Our costs have escalated during the last five years and we were thankful to get some relief to our increased costs of providing the necessary service of towing illegally parked vehicles off of private property and public roadways.

However, when the final draft was being written up, an misunderstanding of agreement occurred that removed our overtime pay of \$15 per hookup for off hour work we perform. There was no time to get it corrected last year, and we were asked to return this year to correct the oversight.

We are also in agreement that if a company is in the Private Property Impound business that the release of an impound vehicle shall be available 24/7. There is no reason a vehicle should be held because the impound yard is closed. If a towed vehicle owner wants his impounded vehicle back, he should be able to retrieve it. We live in a 24 hour city and people need their vehicles for work, family and play.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to present testimony.

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