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## TESTIMONY OF ALISON POWERS

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Monday, February 4, 2008  
2:45 p.m.

### SB 2916

Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the committee, my name is Alison Powers, Executive Director of Hawaii Insurers Council. Hawaii Insurers Council is a non-profit trade association of property and casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in Hawaii. Member companies underwrite approximately 60% of all property and casualty insurance premiums in the state.

Hawaii Insurers Council takes no position on the merits of this measure. However, if the intent of this bill is to impose "car rental customer facility charges" on every rental motor vehicle transaction in the State we request that SB 2916 be amended to exempt from the facility charges those transactions where the lessor is renting the vehicle to replace a vehicle of the lessee that is being repaired. This exemption would be similar to the current exemption applicable to the Rental Motor Vehicle and Tour Vehicle Surcharge Tax contained in Section 251 -2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this measure.