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LATE TESTIMONY

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 403
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 1389, Relating to Motor Vehicle Registration

The City and County of Honolulu is opposed to H.B. No. 1389, which will allow rental companies to register their motor vehicles every two years and receive a credit for the balance of the unused registration period.

Implementing a two year registration period for rental companies will require extensive computer programming for a limited number of vehicles as compared to the total number of registered vehicles. We are not able to provide a cost estimate at this time, but we believe that this bill should contain provisions for reimbursement of all costs to implement such a program.

We have no objections to a refund of motor vehicle weight taxes for the full remaining months of the vehicle's registration period if the vehicle's license plates, certificate of registration and a certification that the vehicle has been removed from public streets are submitted. The cost to process these applications and subsequently issue a refund check may be more than the total amount of motor vehicle weight taxes that are refunded. We recommend that if a refund of motor vehicle weight taxes is provided for the remaining full months of the registration period, that the refund calculated per vehicle must be more than \$50.00. If the calculated refund is less than \$50.00 the applicant shall not be entitled to a refund.

The City and County of Honolulu recommends that H.B. No. 1389 be held.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

DENNIS A. KAMIMURA
Licensing Administrator