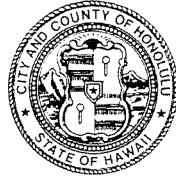


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February 9, 2009

The Honorable Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 302
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Karamatsu and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. 623, Relating to State Identification

The City and County of Honolulu, with the concurrence of the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui, agree with the intent but have concerns with H.B. 623 and recommends several amendments.

We recommend:

Section 1 be amended by deleting the references to satellite city halls and inserting driver license offices.

The other counties do not have satellite city halls and Honolulu's satellite city halls do not have the equipment or training for issuance of state identification cards. Since the same equipment that issues driver licenses may be used to issue identification cards, we recommend using the term driver license offices.

Section 3 be amended by amending Section 846-21(b) to read:

"(b) The attorney general may contract with a county for the processing and issuance of certificates of identification under this part. The county shall be reimbursed the costs incurred in providing the services under this part."

The funding provision is the same language that is found in Section 286-27(f), HRS, regarding the county's administration of the state periodic motor vehicle inspection program on behalf of the State Department of Transportation.

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Section 5 be amended to read:

“This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010”.

This one year transition period will allow the transfer of the identification data to the City and County of Honolulu’s servers or mainframe, implementation of IT changes that are required to integrate the ID program into the driver license program, staff training, and the program will begin on the first day of the fiscal year.

The City and County of Honolulu recommends your favorable action on H.B. 623, as amended.

Sincerely,



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Testimony on HB 623: Relating to State Identification

House Judiciary Committee
February 10, 2009

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. My name is Richard Oshiro and I am Chairman of the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22.

The Waipahu Neighborhood Board strongly supports HB 623. The Waipahu Neighborhood Board unanimously supported the idea of giving the counties the authority to issue State ID cards. By giving the counties the ability to issue State ID cards will improve the government's delivery of a necessary public service. We heard over and over again that the State needs to expand and improve its ability to issue State ID cards. We believe that by allowing the counties to provide this public service, in whole or in part, will reduce the amount of time and effort people need to take when getting their ID cards. For example, in Honolulu, the State has a single downtown ID office across of the State Library where there is very limited parking if you drive and is only convenient for bus riders getting off in front of the King Kamehameha statue. However, after waiting in long lines to get your State ID, it's a long two block walk if you need to catch the bus to go back in the opposite direction. The City and County of Honolulu, on the other hand, has multiple locations that it could possibly offer this service to people. The City already issues State driver's licenses, so it seems to be a small stretch to have it also issue State ID cards.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I respectfully request your favorable consideration and passage of this bill. Thank you.



Richard Oshiro, Chairman
Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22