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Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Government Affairs
Hawaii State Senate

Hearing: April 6, 2009

Re: HB 869, HD1 Relating to Rental Motor Vehicles

Honorable Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members:

My name is Paul Kopel and I am the V.P./General Manager with EnterpriseRent A Car.

Our company supports this bill with amendments proposed by Catrala.

Recently u-drive companies have been receiving citations dated back to 2006 and 2007 which makes it difficult for the companies to look up the names and addresses of the drivers and provide such information to the courts on a timely basis. Further, recently u-drive companies apparently are being contacted about summons and citations for which they have no record of receiving notices of the summons and/or citations with required information as provided by law. This bill seeks to help correct these problems.

Members of our industry recently met with representatives of the Judiciary to try and resolve these problems. It appears a significant part of the problems relate to the Judiciary's old computer. The Judiciary now has a new computer and is still playing catch up with old summons and citations back to December 2008 are still being worked on and being brought current.

To give the Judiciary time to become current we suggest the effective date of this bill be delayed to January 1, 2010. In the meantime we shall continue to work with the Judiciary in trying to solve our ongoing problems and may seek relief from the court given difficulty in trying to find renters we may no longer be able to find or locate.

Your cooperation and understanding in passing this bill with Catrala's amendments and allowing discussions to continue is appreciated. Thank you for allowing us to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Kopel".

Paul Kopel
V.P./General Manager