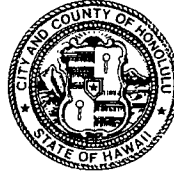


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January 30, 2009

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation, International
and Intergovernmental Affairs
The Senate
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair English and Committee Members:

Subject: S.B. No. ~~277~~, 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 S.B. No. 277 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 S.B. No. 277, as amended.

Sincerely,



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Testimony for TIA 2/2/2009 2:45:00 PM SB277

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Comments:
Chair J. Kalani English
Vice Chair Mike Gabbard
Honorable Members of the Senate TIA Committee

Aloha. Congratulations on your recent re-election. Permit me to wish you all a belated Happy Chinese Lunar New Year!

I write in opposition to SB 277.

This measure would permit the AG to transfer the issuance of State ID to County jurisdictions.

Unless the impact of this "exportation" of jobs from the State to the Counties could be justified for fiscal advantages to all agencies concerned, and furthermore, unless the Union is consulted on this well-meaning proposal, it should be arrived at after a thorough deliberation through input from the stakeholders, i.e., the employees affected.

Would this increase the County workforce at the expense of the State workforce? And if the measure is acceptable to the majority of the stakeholders which would be affected by a disruptions of their lives, the bill should be amended or held in Committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB 277.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana
("1 of 16,588 local voices")