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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE IDENTIFICATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that state identification
2 is vital for seniors, children, and other individuals who do not
3 possess a driver's license or other picture identification.
4 Currently, obtaining a state identification card (certificate of
5 identification) is a lengthy process because processing and
6 administration is conducted at a single location with limited
7 hours of operation. This leads to long lines and some
8 individuals being turned away due to daily demand. There have
9 been recent attempts to bring state identification personnel
10 into the community, but only for specific dates and times. In
11 addition, the islands of Moloka'i and Lana'i do not have county
12 equivalents of a city hall, as in Honolulu that can be used to
13 issue state identification cards.

14 The authority to process and issue state identification
15 cards is vested in the attorney general. The purpose of this
16 Act is to allow the attorney general to contract with one or
17 more counties for the purpose of processing and issuing state



1 identification cards at driver licensing offices or other
2 suitable county locations.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
4 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
5 read as follows:

6 "§46- State identification; contracts with State to
7 process and issue. The attorney general may contract with a
8 county for the processing and issuance of state certificates of
9 identification pursuant to section 846-21. Notwithstanding any
10 other law to the contrary, a county may use driver licensing
11 offices or any suitable county facility for the purpose of
12 administering a contract under this section."

13 SECTION 3. Section 846-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "§846-21 Authority of attorney general. (a) The attorney
16 general shall carry out this part. In conformity with chapter
17 76, the attorney general may appoint [~~such~~] subordinates, [~~at~~
18 ~~such compensation,~~] compensated within the limits of available
19 appropriations [~~therefor~~], or without compensation, as may be
20 necessary or proper to carry out this part, and, the attorney
21 general may delegate to [~~such~~] subordinates [~~such of~~] the



1 attorney general's powers and duties as may be necessary for the
2 efficient administration of this part.

3 (b) The attorney general may contract with a county for
4 the processing and issuance of certificates of identification
5 under this part. The attorney general may provide training and
6 supervision of county employees related to performance of the
7 attorney general's duties under this part."

8 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

State Identification; Counties

Description:

Allows the attorney general to contract with counties for processing and issuing state identification cards. Clarifies that counties may utilize driver licensing offices or other suitable county facilities to issue state identification cards.

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