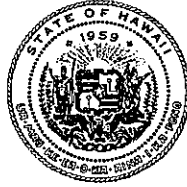


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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 134, HD 2, SD 1

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

We support this bill which will require all applicants for any type of driver's license to submit proof of United States citizenship or legal presence in the United States. Hawaii is one of three states without a legal presence law, which will be needed in order to implement the Real ID Act.

We recommend that the effective date be changed to July 1, 2010.

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March 22, 2010

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary
And Government Operations
The Senate
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 134 HD2 SD1, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing

The City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui are in favor of H.B. No. 134 HD2 SD1, which requires an applicant for a driver license and instruction permit to submit proof that the applicant is legally in the United States and provides that legal immigrant licenses expire no later than the date of the legal immigrant's authorized period of stay in the United States.

Hawaii is one of four states (Hawaii, Washington, New Mexico, and Illinois) that currently do not have a legal presence law as a prerequisite for obtaining a driver's license. I understand that the State of Washington has introduced legislation requiring legal presence and the states of New Mexico and Illinois are administratively, rather than statutorily, requiring legal presence. In order for the federal government to recognize Hawaii's driver license as proof of identity for boarding airlines and for entering federal buildings, Hawaii is required to adopt this legal presence requirement.

Upon passage of this bill, the State of Hawaii will be able to enter into an MOA with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to establish computer connectivity to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program. SAVE is the federal data base that all jurisdictions use to determine legal presence.

The City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui urge your favorable action on H.B. No. 134 HD2 SD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

DENNIS A. KAMIMURA
Licensing Administrator