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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2601

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation strongly supports this bill, proposed by the Administration, as we believe it will enhance the safety of commercial motor vehicle operation on our highways by seeking to ensure that safe drivers operate safe commercial motor vehicles and bring us into compliance with new federal regulations.

The intent of the bill is to meet the requirement of a federal regulation (49 CFR §384.301) by updating the penalties for the violation of a driver or vehicle out-of-service order.

Failure to enact the changes required in the FMCSA regulation could result in the loss of approximately \$4,500,000 (or 5 percent) of federal-aid highway funds (based on fiscal year 2008-2009 funding) for the first year of non-compliance and \$9,100,000 (or 10 percent) per year thereafter. Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) grant funds could also be withheld for each year of noncompliance. In fiscal year 2008-2009, Hawaii received \$710,332 in MCSAP grant funds.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
ON HB 2601 RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSING**

Thank you Chair Souki and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 400 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association supports this bill to bring Hawaii's state motor carrier safety regulations in line with the federal motor carrier safety regulations.

Thank you.