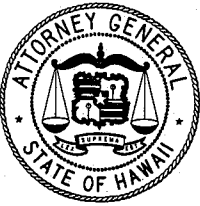


HB623, HD1



## TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 623, H.D. 1, RELATING TO STATE IDENTIFICATION.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL, AND INTERGOVERN...

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 18, 2009 **TIME:** 1:45 PM

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 224

**TESTIFIER(S):** Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General  
or Liane Moriyama, Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center

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Chair English and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General opposes this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Department of the Attorney General to contract with the counties for the processing and issuance of state identification cards.

We believe this proposal may result in increased costs to the State. For example, the cost to place state identification workstations and printers at county sites would be approximately \$20,000 per site. Given the current fiscal difficulties, we believe this would not be prudent.

Moreover, we believe this measure may result in a duplication of services. The State ID program already offers services in every county to make State ID cards accessible to the public. For example:

- The State ID program serves the residents of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii counties through the Governor's Liaison Offices in Lihue, Wailuku, Hilo, and Kona.
- State ID personnel travel to Lanai and Molokai at least once every year to process applications for the residents of those islands.
- The State ID program holds popular Saturday outreach events each month at convenient locations in Oahu communities.
- State ID personnel visit Oahu senior living communities to assist elderly residents in obtaining State ID cards.

- State ID personnel visit Oahu schools to assist special needs students in obtaining State ID cards.

- The State ID program offers a Renewal-by-Mail program for cardholders age 65 and older.

- On Thursdays, the State ID office remains open to the public until 6:00 p.m.

- The State ID program recently established an online pre-application service to expedite the application process.

We respectfully ask the Committee to hold this bill.

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March 13, 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: H.B. 623 HD1, 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 H.B. 623 HD1 and recommends several amendments.

We recommend 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 and has similar cost reimbursement procedures regarding the county's administration of the state commercial driver licensing program on behalf of the State Department of Transportation.

We recommend that 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 for reimbursement purposes.

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
and Committee Members  
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The City and County of Honolulu recommends your favorable action on H.B. 623 HD1,  
as amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D".

DENNIS A. KAMIMURA  
Licensing Administrator

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Testimony on HB 623, HD 1: Relating to State Identification

Senate Transportation Committee  
March 18, 2009

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. My name is Richard Oshiro and I am Chairman of the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22.

The Waipahu Neighborhood Board strongly supports HB 623, HD 1. The Waipahu Neighborhood Board unanimously supported the idea of giving the counties the authority to issue State ID cards. By giving the counties the ability to issue State ID cards will improve the government's delivery of a necessary public service. We heard over and over again that the State needs to expand and improve its ability to issue State ID cards. We believe that by allowing the counties to provide this public service, in whole or in part, will reduce the amount of time and effort people need to take when getting their ID cards. For example, in Honolulu, the State has a single downtown ID office across of the State Library where there is very limited parking if you drive and is only convenient for bus riders getting off in front of the King Kamehameha statue. However, after waiting in long lines to get your State ID, it's a long two block walk if you need to catch the bus to go back in the opposite direction. The City and County of Honolulu, on the other hand, has multiple locations that it could possibly offer this service to people. The City already issues State driver's licenses, so it seems to be a small stretch to have it also issue State ID cards.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I respectfully request your favorable consideration and passage of this bill. Thank you.



Richard Oshiro, Chairman  
Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22