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House Committee on Transportation

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair

The Honorable Karen Leinani Awana, Vice Chair

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Administrative Driver's License Revocation Office (ADLRO)

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 107, Relating to Administrative Revocation.

Purpose: To authorize the administrative director of the courts to permit administrative driver's license revocation hearings to be held in a county other than the county of arrest and to permit ADLRO hearings to be held by telephonic, video, or other electronic means.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary strongly urges passage of this measure. Currently, ADLRO operations require almost daily inter-island travel to conduct statewide administrative hearings in the county of arrest, costing up to \$1,000 for travel per week. This constitutes the bulk of ADLRO's operational expenditures.

This measure would provide the ADLRO flexibility to conduct hearings in a more cost efficient manner by permitting a change of venue with the consent of the respondent. This measure would also allow hearings to be conducted from the ADLRO in Honolulu via telephone, videoconference, or other electronic means. Reduction in travel time and expenses will result in considerable cost savings and allow the ADLRO to redirect its already limited resources to other program needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 107.