



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**  
S.B. NO. 2142, RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

**DATE:** Monday, January 25, 2010      **TIME:** 1:15 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 224

**TESTIFIER(S):** Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General, or  
Lauren Uwaine, 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 require the Department of Attorney General to accept a Matricula Consular Identification card, that is issued under the authority of the country of Argentina, as the sole document upon which to obtain a civil identification (State ID) card.

The Matricula Consular Identification card that is issued in Argentina is insufficient to establish the requirements under section 846-30.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that the State ID shall bear an expiration date that is the same as the expiration date on the person's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services departure card (I-94). Therefore, the Matricula Consular Identification card cannot be the only documentation to meet the requirement for a civil identification card.

In addition, under federal law, the Real ID Act of 2005, verification of a person's legal presence in the United States is required, as well as a review of other specified documents, before a compliant identification card can be issued. The Matricula Consular Identification card is insufficient to allow

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the Department of Attorney General to make such verifications  
and conduct such reviews.

We respectfully ask the Committee to hold this bill.