



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1640, H.D. 1, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF IDENTIFICATION.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: Wednesday, March 2, 2011 **TIME:** 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 308

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Liane Moriyama, Administrator, Hawaii Criminal Justice
Data Center

Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

The Attorney General supports the intent of this bill with suggested modifications.

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the Attorney General to work with the counties to make it easier for Hawaii's citizens to obtain state civil identification cards. Section 3 of the bill directs the Attorney General to work with the counties and submit a report to the Legislature, including findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.

Because of the complexities of having the counties issue State ID cards, and in anticipation of legislation to accomplish this being submitted next session, we request that section 2 of the bill, which amends section 846-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to mandate the attorney general to establish a program whereby county employees may issue certificates of identification, either be deleted or, in the alternative, be given a deferred effective date of July 1, 2012. This will allow for an orderly transfer of data, training, and resolution of staffing, cost

reimbursement, and general logistics issues associated with such an inter-governmental undertaking.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.