

HB 1640 HD2



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

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1640, H.D. 2, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF
IDENTIFICATION.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

DATE: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 TIME: 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 224

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

Chair Espero and Members of the Committee:

The Attorney General supports this bill.

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, the delayed implementation date of January, 1, 2013, for section 2 of the bill 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.

Testimony in support of HB 1640, HD 2, Relating to Certificates of Identification

Committee: Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Hearing: Tuesday March 22, 2011 at 3:00 pm

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Chair Espero and members of the Committee;

I support this bill. I am an intermediate school student, and I think that it should be easier for a student like me to get a state ID. My school hours are from 7:55am - until 2:15pm, and I know other schools have longer days. I think that these years, (middle/intermediate school and high school years), are ideal for getting your state ID because you are not stuck without one when you really need it (when you get a little older you will need it for everything, but than you can get a driver's license). I think I should just be able to go after school some day, or maybe if that is inconvenient, during spring break. I do believe that this makes sense. I say this because the office that issues State IDs is open Monday-Friday, from 8:00am - until 2:00pm. Therefore, I cannot just go after school and get an ID. I guess that breaks are always optional, but this office is busiest when school is not in session! This means spring break, summer vacation, non-State holidays, waiver days, and fall and winter intersession are all very busy times, and this is according to their website. So the only way I can get a state ID, is to take time out of my school day (I would probably have to miss a few classes), or to go at one of the busiest times of the year! So I think that it should be easier for me, and any other student to get a state ID, because this is prime time for identification. I don't want to take time out of my education, or spend hours in a long line, to get my ID.