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April 5, 2011

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE BILL NO. 1416, S.D. 1, H.D. 1

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Thank you for changing the effective date of this bill to January 1, 2013. This will allow us adequate time to order the stickers that will be needed to implement the bill. With an estimated approval date of June 24, 2011 for SB 1416, SD1, HD1, the earliest we could schedule the delivery of the stickers is December 1, 2012.

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April 4, 2011

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 302
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:


Subject: S.B. No. 1416 SD1 HD1, Relating to Highway Safety

The City and County of Honolulu has concerns with S.B. No. 1416 SD1 HD1 which will increase the period of safety inspection for new vehicles from two to three years.

Although we concur that new vehicles are unlikely to experience major mechanical defects during the first three years after purchase, defects such as head lamps, stop lamps, signal lamps, expired registration, and expired vehicle liability insurance cards will not be discovered.

The City and County of Honolulu recommends that S.B. No. 1416 SD1 HD1 be held.

Sincerely,


for Gail Y. Haraguchi
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TO: Representative Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 302
Via Email: JUDtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

FROM: Christine Ogawa Karamatsu

DATE: April 4, 2011

RE: **S.B. 1416, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 – Relating to Highway Safety
Hearing: Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.**

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

I am Christine Ogawa Karamatsu, testifying on behalf of EAN Holdings, LLC, operating Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Alamo Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental in Hawaii (collectively referred to as “Enterprise”).

Enterprise **supports** S.B. 1416, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, which extends the period in which an owner of a new car is exempted from obtaining a certificate of inspection from two years to three years from the date of purchase.

Cars in Enterprise’s Hawai’i fleet are generally used for only 16-18 months and average less than 36,000 miles before they are replaced. This ensures that only the newest and safest cars are made available to our customers. For those cars in our fleet older than two years, extending the certificate of inspection renewal period would reduce the administrative and financial burden of inspecting these vehicles.

We believe this measure achieves a good balance of streamlining government without compromising the safety of all drivers on Hawaii’s roads.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

TO: Committees on Judiciary

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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HEARING: 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2011

SUBJECT: SB1416 SD1, HD1 Relating to Highway Safety - **OPPOSED**

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in **opposition to SB1416**, which would exempt new vehicles from safety inspections for three years rather than the current two. Common sense tells us that many parts of cars will wear out in less than two years, and even more will wear out in three.

As a bicyclist, I oppose this measure and ask you to vote "no." One thing bicyclists rely on is being able to see through windows of parked vehicles in order to determine if a driver is sitting in them. It is important to determine if someone is in a car to assess the potential for the car door opening in front of the bicyclist, i.e., in order to avoid being "doored." If the length of time to the first safety inspection is increased by another year, more cars may be on the road with darker tinting than allowed.

We have enough challenges on our roads already. Please do not create more by letting more cars on the road that have not passed safety inspections.
Please vote "no" on this measure.