
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§286- Driver's license reciprocity committee. (a)

5 The director shall establish a statewide driver's license
6 reciprocity committee consisting of one representative from the
7 department of transportation and each of the four county chief
8 examiners of drivers or their designees. The committee shall
9 convene whenever a foreign country makes a request for driver's
10 license reciprocity.

11 (b) The statewide driver's license reciprocity committee
12 shall evaluate the written knowledge and practical examination
13 program of the requesting foreign country for driver's license
14 reciprocity.

15 (c) Members of the statewide driver's license reciprocity
16 committee shall serve voluntarily and without compensation, but
17 shall be paid reasonable allowances for travel and expenses that
18 may be incurred as a result of the performance of their duties



1 on the committee. The costs shall be paid by the department of
2 transportation.

3 (d) In the event there is available from the requesting
4 foreign country an evaluation prepared by another United States
5 driver licensing agency or the American Association of Motor
6 Vehicle Administrators, then the statewide driver's license
7 reciprocity committee shall conduct a comparison review of the
8 evaluation and the State's driver licensing examination
9 standards and submit a written recommendation to the legislature
10 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the
11 appropriate legislative session.

12 (e) If there is no such evaluation available from the
13 requesting foreign country, then the director of transportation
14 may select from the statewide driver's license reciprocity
15 committee a representative from the department of transportation
16 and a representative from the counties' examiner of drivers to
17 travel to the requesting foreign country, at the expense of the
18 requesting foreign country, to inspect and examine the foreign
19 country's driver's license examination program and advise the
20 committee of their findings. The committee shall review the
21 findings and submit a written recommendation to the legislature
22 on whether the foreign country's driver's license examination



1 standards correspond to Hawaii's driver's license examination
2 standards no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
3 the appropriate legislative session subsequent to the travel and
4 evaluation by the driver's license reciprocity committee.

5 The director of transportation shall adopt rules pursuant
6 to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this section."

7 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Driver's License; Foreign Countries; Reciprocity

Description:

Directs the Director of the Department of Transportation to select a statewide driver's license reciprocity committee to evaluate foreign countries' requests for driver's license reciprocity to ensure the standards of the foreign countries' driver's license testing is equivalent to Hawaii's driver's license testing. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB2608 HD1)

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