
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL ENROLLMENT CENTER ON OAHU AND TO OPEN A SECOND CENTER LOCATED AROUND THE PORT AREA OR WEST OF THE PORT AREA ON OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, a transportation worker identification credential
2 is a biometric credential that ensures that only vetted workers
3 are eligible to gain unescorted access to secure areas of a
4 Maritime Transportation Security Act-regulated port or vessel;
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7 WHEREAS, all Coast Guard-credentialed merchant mariners,
8 port facility employees, long shore workers, truck drivers, and
9 other persons requiring unescorted access to secure areas of
10 maritime facilities and vessels regulated by the Maritime
11 Transportation Security Act are required to have transportation
12 worker identification credential cards; and

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14 WHEREAS, applicants for a transportation worker
15 identification credential card may pre-enroll online, but must
16 actually go to the enrollment center to complete the enrollment
17 process, which includes paying the enrollment fee and completing
18 a disclosure form; and

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20 WHEREAS, the only transportation worker identification
21 credential enrollment center on the island of Oahu is located on
22 Kalaniana'ole Highway and open from Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m.
23 to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and

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25 WHEREAS, because of the enrollment center's limited hours
26 of operation, many people who need to obtain a transportation
27 worker identification credential card have to take time off from
28 work to go to the enrollment center; and

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1 WHEREAS, extending the enrollment center's hours of
 2 operation on the weekdays and opening the enrollment center on
 3 the weekends and opening a second enrollment center location
 4 will facilitate access to the enrollment center for those
 5 persons who need a transportation worker identification
 6 credential; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 9 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 10 of 2012, that the Department of Homeland Security is urged to
 11 extend the hours of the transportation worker identification
 12 credential enrollment center on the weekdays and to open on the
 13 weekends and to open a second enrollment center around the port
 14 area or west of the port area; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Secretary of Homeland
 18 Security, members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, and
 19 Chairperson of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii-Military
 20 Affairs Council.
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