

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2453

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2453 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to consolidate the State identification program for the State of Hawaii with the driver's license program under the Department of Transportation. Specifically, this measure, among other things:

- (1) Transfers the responsibility of the program for the issuance of non-driver's identification cards for the State of Hawaii from the Department of the Attorney General to the Director of Transportation; and
- (2) Requires that the non-drivers' identification cards be issued by the examiner of drivers in each county.

The Department of Transportation, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu, and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Human Resources Development provided comments on this measure.

In 2005, the United States Congress passed the REAL ID Act of 2005 which set forth the documentation required and procedures to be followed in issuing drivers' licenses and non-drivers' identification cards. The provisions of the REAL ID Act must be

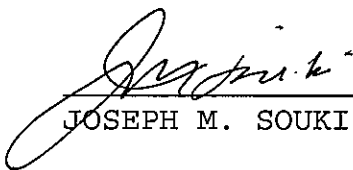


implemented by January 15, 2013. At that time, each state will only be allowed to issue one compliant card, either a driver's license or a non-driver's identification card, to a citizen. Drivers' licenses and non-drivers' identification cards that do not comply with the REAL ID Act on or after January 15, 2013, will not be recognized by federal agencies, such as the Transportation Security Administration and may not be recognized by other states. The requirements of the REAL ID Act must be implemented on a timely basis so that Hawaii's citizens are able to travel and to do business with the federal government and other states.

Hawaii is unique among the 50 states in that the counties, under the general supervision of the Director of the Department of Transportation, have been delegated the function of implementing the state driver's license program. Non-driver license identification cards are issued under the Department of the Attorney General. The consolidation of the driver's license and non-driver's identification card programs for the State of Hawaii under the Director of Transportation would be in the best interest of the people of Hawaii both from a local and national perspective. Allowing non-drivers' identification cards to be issued by the examiner of drivers of each county in the same manner that licenses are issued would provide the public with more locations to obtain a non-driver's identification card and will result in a more coordinated effort in implementing the provisions of the REAL ID Act.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2453 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



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The Twenty-sixth Legislature

HSCA 323-12

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2453	Committee Referral: TRN, FIN	Date: 2/6/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	/			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty	/			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.				/
6. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
7. OKAMURA, Tom				
8. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.				/
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
11. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
12. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
TOTAL (12)	9			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Linda Ichiyama</i></u>				
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