

HB 1743

RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING.

Increases the gross vehicle weight rating of category (3) motor vehicle driver licenses to eighteen thousand pounds or less.

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March 9, 2012

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs
The Senate
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair English and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 1743, Relating to Driver Licensing

The **City and County of Honolulu** has no objections to H.B. No. 1743 which will increase the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of vehicles that a category 3 licensee may operate.

We have found that manufacturers of new trucks and vans have with increased GVWR of their vehicles. For example, a Dodge Ram 4500 GVWR ranges from 15,000 pounds to 16,500 pounds and therefore exceeds the current category 3 license maximum of 15,000 pounds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

Dennis A. Kamimura
Licensing Administrator



March 12, 2012

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ON **HB 1743** RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING**

Thank you Chair English and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 400 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association supports this bill.

Small delivery trucks have undergone an evolution due to environmental and safety factors, while maintaining its dimensions.

The environmental factors were mandated EPA engine upgrades, which was naturally followed by heavier duty brakes and suspensions making the vehicle safer and easier to operate. At the same time this system facilitates efficient use of the cube within the cargo body for greater productivity.

There is no difference in dimensions, and no noticeable handling or maneuverability difference with the newer designs so we support upgrading the Type 3 license to continue to operate this type of vehicle.

Thank you.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR
HB 1743 (HSCR16-12)
RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING
INCREASE THE TYPE 3 LICENSE THRESHOLD TO 18,000LBS. GVWR.

HEARING DATE: Monday, March 12, 2012

TIME: 1:16 PM

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM 224, STATE CAPITOL, 415 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET

Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair and members of the Transportation and International Affairs:

I am here in support of HOUSE BILL 1743, RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING.

My name is Brian Perry and I am the Lease Manager with Penske Truck Leasing. We lease trucks to over 100 companies Statewide in which most of them locally owned. Penske Truck Leasing leases over 500 trucks.

SINCE 2007 WHEN TRUCK MANUFACTURERS WERE FORCED TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS BASED ON THE EPA MANDATED CLEAN AIR ACT, THE WEIGHT OF TRUCKS WAS PRIMARILY RAISED DUE TO ENGINE UPGRADES. THERE HAVE BEEN 2 UPGRADES, ONE IN 2007 AND ANOTHER IN 2010.

THE HEAVIER THE TRUCK THE LESS WEIGHT THE TRUCK CAN CARRY FOR ITS DELIVERIES. BASED ON THESE FACTS THE CURRENT REFRIGERATED VEHICLE CAN ONLY CARRY A PAYLOAD OF APPROXIMATLEY 2,000LBS. BECAUSE OF THESE LIMITATIONS, TRUCK MANUFACTURES HAVE ELECTED TO NO LONGER BUILD THESE TRUCKS AT THE CURRRENT 15,000 GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (GVW).

INCREASING TYPE 3 LICENSE TO 18,000LBS. GVW, WILL ALLOW COMPANIES TO CARRY MORE PAYLOAD WITH A MORE ECONOMICAL TRUCK IN A SAFER MANNER. THE RIGHT TYPE OF TRUCK TO HANDLE THEIR PAYLOAD.

COMPARISON OF THE 15,000GVW TRUCK TO THE 18,000GVW TRUCK

TRUCK SIZE IS THE SAME. LENGTH, WIDTH ARE THE SAME, HEIGHT CAN VARY AS IT IS TODAY.

DIFFERENCE OF THE TWO: BIGGER TIRES TO HANDLE THE LOAD

HEAVIER DUTY SUSPENSION, FRONT AND REAR SPRINGS (TO HANDLE THE HEAVIER LOAD)

HEAVIER DUTY BRAKES (TO HANDLE THE HEAVIER LOAD)