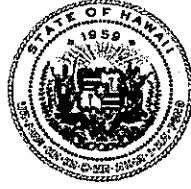


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January 30, 2012

**HB 2608
RELATING TO DRIVERS LICENSING.**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation strongly supports this Administration bill. Since more foreign countries are approaching the State of Hawaii, as well as other states, requesting that their driver's license be granted reciprocity within the state's jurisdiction; it is necessary to establish a process that applies our driver's license testing standards to that of the foreign country requesting driver's license reciprocity. That process will be established by the passage of HB 2608.

The State's approval of driver's license reciprocity to a foreign county's driver's license must involve the application of the Hawaii's driver's license testing standards to the foreign country's driver's license testing standards to ensure the safety of Hawaii's roads for its residents and visitors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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January 27, 2012

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
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House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 426
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 2608, Relating to Driver Licensing

The City and County of Honolulu is in favor of H.B. No. 2608 which creates a method to properly evaluate a foreign country's driver licensing program before recommending to the Legislature to approve that country's driver license reciprocity with the State of Hawaii.

Unlike United States and Canadian jurisdictions which have agreed to standardize their driver licensing programs in accordance with guidelines provided by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, there is no recognized international organization that assures driver training and minimum essential performance test requirements are met before an applicant is issued a driver's license.

The City and County of Honolulu urges your favorable action on H.B. 2608.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

Dennis A. Kamimura
Licensing Administrator