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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 28, 2012

**TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 222**

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

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS  
AND  
TRANSPORTATION**

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports HCR 222 requesting the United States Department of Homeland Security to extend the hours of operation for persons to obtain their Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC); and, to open a second location around the port or west of the port area of Oahu.

In response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack, Congress enacted the 2002 Maritime Transportation and Security Act, requiring persons who work in a commercial harbors including the State of Hawaii shall have a TWIC card pursuant to 33 CFR 101.514. Having a TWIC card means the person does not have a criminal record that would disqualify the person from obtaining a TWIC card and have unescorted access to the commercial harbor as provided in 49 CR 1572.

Currently, the TWIC enrollment center is located in Hawaii Kai. Thousands of employees who need access to the commercial harbors obtained their first TWIC card in 2008 and 2009. TWIC cards are renewed every 5 years and we expect a surge of truck drivers, stevedores, agents, construction workers, and maritime company employees including Harbors Division employees having to renew their TWIC cards during 2013 and 2014. Having an office that is closer to Honolulu Harbor and extended hours will help thousands of maritime workers who will be required to renew their TWIC cards and save companies monies in unproductive employee time seeking renewal cards to work.

For the above reasons, the DOT supports HC 222.

