



March 28, 2012

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION
AND ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS ON HCR 222 / HR 171
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**

Thank you Chair Aquino, Chair Souki 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.

HTA strongly supports these resolutions.

Many of our drivers must obtain a Transportation Workers' Identification Credential in order to perform their duties. However, it is very difficult to obtain one because of the location and hours of operation.

While the vast majority of our driver population resides West of Honolulu, and almost no motor carriers are located in Honolulu zip codes, the sole TWIC office is located in Hawaii Kai. This serves as a great obstacle to completing the TWIC process.

Furthermore, the hours of operation forces drivers to take time off from work to get down to Hawaii Kai.

The success of these resolutions would allow drivers who are required to obtain a TWIC to not lose so much money to comply.

Thank you.