

SB2968 SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.
 Report Title: Motor Vehicle Insurance; Premiums; Discount
 Description: Allows motor vehicle insurers to offer insurance premium discounts for completion of a driver safety course or driver improvement course. (SD1)
 Companion:
 Package: None
 Current Referral: TIA, CPN
 Introducer(s): TSUTSUI, BAKER, ENGLISH, IGE, IHARA, TOKUDA, Espero, Fukunaga, Kahele, Kim

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/25/2012	S	Introduced.
1/25/2012	S	Passed First Reading.
1/27/2012	S	Referred to TIA, CPN.
1/27/2012	S	The committee(s) on TIA has scheduled a public hearing on 01-30-12 1:15PM in conference room 224.
1/30/2012	S	The committee(s) on TIA recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in TIA were as follows: 7 Aye(s): Senator(s) English, Espero, Dela Cruz, Gabbard, Kahele, Kouchi, Slom; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.
2/2/2012	S	Reported from TIA (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2011) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referral to CPN.
2/2/2012	S	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to CPN.
2/21/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN will hold a public decision making on 02-28-12 10:00AM in conference room 229.



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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
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Tuesday, February 28, 2012
10 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2968, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner"), testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department supports the intent of the bill and offers the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to allow motor vehicle insurers to offer premium discounts for drivers who complete a driver safety course or driver improvement course ("Driver Safety Course").

Existing Hawaii law does not prohibit motor vehicle insurers from offering premium discounts. Hawaii motor vehicle insurers already provide premium discounts to policyholders and are already offering discounts to policyholders who complete Driver Safety Courses.

While it supports incentives for drivers to take Driver Safety Courses, the Department is opposed to amending Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 431:10C-207

to accomplish this because doing so creates confusion by creating an exception to prohibited discriminatory practices. It would be better to create the Driver Safety Course incentive in a new section in article 10C, chapter 431, HRS. In addition, the discount should be offered to "insureds" and not "drivers" who complete a Driver Safety Course to clarify that the owner of the policy, and not just any driver, has completed the Driver Safety Course.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony.

Testimony for CPN 2/28/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2968

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

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Comments:

Incentives are nice, and they are useful.