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Measure Title: REQUESTING THE INSURANCE DIVISION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF A WEB SERVICES-BASED DATABASE PROGRAM TO TRACK UNINSURED MOTORISTS.

Report Title: Uninsured Motorists; Uninsured Motorists Database; Working Group

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPN/EDT

Introducer(s): BAKER, ESPERO, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Ige, Ihara, Nishihara, Taniguchi

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3/16/2012	S	Referred to CPN/EDT.
3/21/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN/EDT has scheduled a public hearing on 03-29-12 8:45AM in conference room 229.



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Thursday, March 29, 2012
8:45 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 97 – REQUESTING
THE INSURANCE DIVISION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE
CREATION OF A WEB SERVICES-BASED DATABASE PROGRAM TO TRACK
UNINSURED MOTORISTS.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER AND CAROL FUKUNAGA, CHAIRS,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

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 this concurrent resolution.

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the Insurance Division to
convene a working group to explore the creation of a web services-based database
program to track uninsured motorists.

As motor vehicle registration in Hawaii is managed by the counties, there is no
statewide motor vehicle registration database and no agency in the State currently
monitors uninsured motorists. We agree that it would be beneficial to study the
feasibility of a program to track uninsured motorists and enforce penalties or sanctions
against violators. We would be willing to assist with the working group's activities.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.



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Chair Baker, Chair Fukunaga, and members of the Committees, my name is Alison Powers, Executive Director of Hawaii Insurers Council. Hawaii Insurers Council is a non-profit trade association of property and casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in Hawaii. Member companies underwrite approximately 40% of all property and casualty insurance premiums in the state.

Hawaii Insurers Council **supports** SCR 97, **with amendments**. SCR 97 requests the Insurance Division to convene a working group to explore the creation of a web services-based database to assist in the identification of uninsured motorists.

Hawaii Insurers Council believes that convening a working group to review and research this issue before any type of database legislation is implemented is prudent. However, we request that Hawaii Insurers Council be named as a member of the working group. In 2010, our members had a personal auto lines market share of 36% and feel our members will be a valuable asset to the group, should one be established.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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of a Web Services-Based Database Program to Track Uninsured Motorists

Chair Baker, Chair Fukunaga, members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology, I am Rick Tsujimura, representing State Farm Insurance Companies, a mutual company owned by its policyholders.

We support the intent of SCR 97 and have the following requests:

1. State Farm would like to be a part of the working group;
2. We believe that the funding of any program should be other than insured drivers or insurers since this will only increase costs for law abiding citizens. We believe the entire cost should be born by the scofflaws.
3. We believe that the identification of uninsured motorists without addressing the ability to drive the uninsured vehicle is only adding cost and not remedying the seminal issues: getting uninsured cars off the road.
4. Finally, we believe that other solutions like California's no cost "No Pay, No Play" law also be considered in the comparative solution analysis.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.