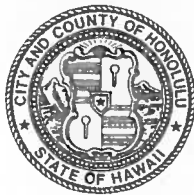


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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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Committee on Commerce and
and Consumer Protection
The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
and International Affairs
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chairs Baker and English and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 495, Relating to Insurance

I am Kurt Kendro, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 495, Relating to Insurance. This bill would take the recommendations of the working group that was created after the 2012 Legislative Session to study the feasibility of creating a motor vehicle insurance verification program with the goal of reducing the number of uninsured motorists on Hawaii's roadways. The HPD was a member of the working group that came up with the recommendations.

By creating a motor vehicle insurance verification program, it would provide law enforcement officers and other government agencies in Hawaii instant confirmation on whether a vehicle was properly insured as required by law. Currently, there is no way to affirmatively verify when a motorist has required insurance coverage other than by an insurance card. Law enforcement officers are unable to verify whether the insurance coverage has lapsed or whether it was cancelled. In some cases, the insurance card is counterfeit, and the law enforcement officers would not know about this.

The HPD strongly urges you to support Senate Bill No. 495, Relating to Insurance.

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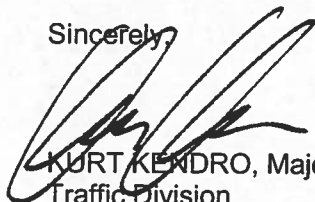
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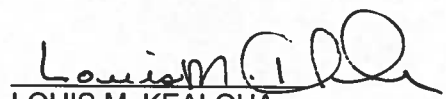
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



KURT KENDRO, Major
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