



February 11, 2013

Re: Oppose SB955

Aloha Honorable Chair and Senators of the WAM committee,

I am opposed to SB955 which extends the safety inspection period for older vehicles from one year to two years.

I have been a certified State of Hawaii Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspector and a State of Hawaii Licensed Mechanic since 1974.

Approximately 40% of all vehicles we inspect have defects. Some have very serious defects such as bad brakes, bald tires, extremely dark tint and illegal modifications to the exhaust and suspension systems.

The safety inspection process utilizes strict criteria to determine what is safe at the time of inspection. However, some of the items may not last two years much less one year from the date of inspection. Two of the most crucial items are brakes and tires. Using the standards set by the Hawaii Revised Statutes and administered by the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, the criteria may not be effective for a two year period. We currently find numerous serious defects in the one year inspection period.

The \$14.70 fee and the time it takes to complete the safety inspection each year is a small price to pay to ensure safety. If it can save one life, it will be worth it.

Please do not allow this bill to move forward for the sake of myself, my family and everyone else.

Thank you.

Paul Hanada

Owner

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Michael Bocon	Beach Road Auto	Oppose	No

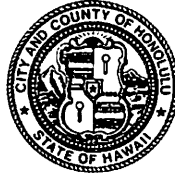
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February 11, 2013

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Ways and Means  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
514 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Subject: S.B. No. 955 SD1, Relating to Highway Safety

The City and County of Honolulu and Counties of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai are opposed to the section of the bill that extends the safety inspection period from one year to two years. We have no objections to increasing the safety inspection period for new vehicles sold by Hawaii new vehicle dealers to three years.

During calendar year 2012, Honolulu's safety inspection stations inspected 636,332 vehicles. During the process of conducting these inspections, 171,868 vehicles were found to have safety defects. The more prominent defects were expired registrations (83,619), stop lamps (21,852), tires (18,818), head lamps (16,341), other lamps and reflectors (16,973), windshield wipers (15,823) and expired/no liability insurance identification cards (16,606). Without the current annual inspections, these defects would probably not be noticed by the vehicle owners and remain uncorrected.

Since new vehicles sold by Hawaii's new vehicle dealers have a minimum of 3 years warranty with a free 6-month maintenance program throughout the 3-year period, vehicle defects would probably be discovered during the 6-month maintenance checks and corrected by the new vehicle dealer. As such, we have no objections to increasing the safety inspection period for new vehicles sold by Hawaii new vehicle dealers to three years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

Dennis A. Kamimura  
Licensing Administrator

**Testimony of  
Gary M. Slovin / Mihoko E. Ito  
on behalf of  
EAN Holdings, LLC**

DATE: February 12, 2013

TO: Senator David Ige  
Chair, Committee on Ways and Means  
*WAMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov*

RE: **S.B. 955 SD1 – Relating to Highway Safety**  
**Hearing Date: Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Room 211**

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Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

We submit this testimony on behalf of EAN Holdings, LLC, operating Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Alamo Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental in Hawaii (collectively referred to as “Enterprise”).

Enterprise **supports** S.B. 955 SD1, which extends the period in which all car owners are required to obtain a certificate of inspection from 12 months to 24 months.

Cars in Enterprise’s Hawai‘i fleet generally average less than 2 years and 36,000 miles before they are replaced. This ensures that only the newest and safest cars are made available to our customers. Extending the certificate of inspection renewal period from 12 months to 24 months would reduce the administrative and financial burden of inspecting these vehicles annually.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

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Gary M. Slovin  
Mihoko E. Ito  
Christine Ogawa Karamatsu  
Tiffany N. Yajima  
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Beth Apo	Individual	Oppose	No

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ernest carvalho jr	Individual	Oppose	No

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Herman Yagi	Individual	Oppose	No

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J Howell	Individual	Oppose	No

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jayce hanada	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kamuela Mawae	Individual	Oppose	No

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KIRT MARQUEZ	Individual	Oppose	No

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LaVerne Hanada	Individual	Oppose	No

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Leah Hanada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill based on the several safety issues that could arise as a result of this extension. I am a female driver who knows very little about automobile maintenance. I look forward to my annual safety inspections because it is the only time in which someone checks my car for potential safety hazards that I would otherwise not be aware of. Had it not been for my safety inspection this past year, I would not have known that I needed new tires. A few years ago, I was living in Los Angeles and witnessed several tire "blowouts" on the freeway. This had always been my fear, and because of this I am so grateful for my inspector for noticing that my tires were "bald" and needed replacing. If I had to wait another 12 months to get my safety inspection, I don't know what would have happened.

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Nick Schmitt	Individual	Oppose	No

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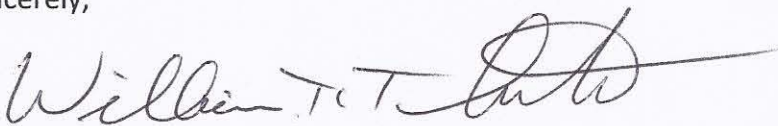
To Our Hawaii Legislators:

There are a number of financially challenged or irresponsible car owners driving with no insurance, bad brakes, bald tires and other dangerous mechanical issues that will continue to drive their cars as long as they will start and go from point A to point B.

While insurance requirements are an enforcement issue, few police officers are going to inspect brakes, tires or steering components on a vehicle they have stopped. As our police department is already understaffed, many of these cars will go unnoticed and continue to operate on our roads in an unsafe condition.

As our elected legislators, it is your responsibility to keep us safe. Giving these drivers an extra year to operate their vehicles in an unsafe condition would be highly irresponsible and negligent of the wellbeing and safety of the rest of us on the road. I have been in the automotive repair industry for over forty years and on Maui for twenty five years. I have witnessed these conditions first hand and passing SB955 will make it much easier for these drivers to operate unsafe vehicles. Pass it if you must, but know you are putting the majority of your population in harm's way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William T. Throckmorton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William T. Throckmorton  
President

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