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TO: THE COMMITTEE(S) ON TIA/PSM

RE: SB955

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 955:

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By Bill Green, former owner of Kahala Shell.

After 60 + years in various phases of automotive repair, I may not be smarter than the proponents of this bill but I certainly have a lot more experience.

How anyone could rationally believe that a car could go for three years without a tire wearing out or being damaged by our potholes; or having a bulb burn out, brakes, headlights, back up lights or turn signals; or verifying that the insurance is in effect or registration is current; the arguments just do not hold water.

The real motive is financial which I can truly appreciate but is a misuse of the legislative process to revise a law for financial gain under the guise of public safety.

New car dealers want all new car owners to return to them for routine maintenance. But they do not want their high priced technicians doing safety checks for \$14.70 so their solution is to not do safety checks.

If the customer goes to Midas or Goodyear or Jiffy Lube or Kahala Shell for their safety check and oil change, they quickly realize that it is faster, less expensive and their new car warranty is maintained just as if they had gone to the dealership.

Why Safety Checks?

Our little station did 755 safety checks in December and found 467 defects in 300 cars. How many of those cars were under 1 year old I can't tell you but I can say, categorically that after 1 year the probability of a bad tire or light is about the same for all cars on the road.