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S.B. 2329, S.D. 1
RELATING TO PROVISIONAL LICENSES

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill which authorizes the examiner of drivers to waive the actual demonstration of ability to operate a motor vehicle for persons who have a valid provisional license from another state and who have completed the same requirements of a provisional license in Hawaii.

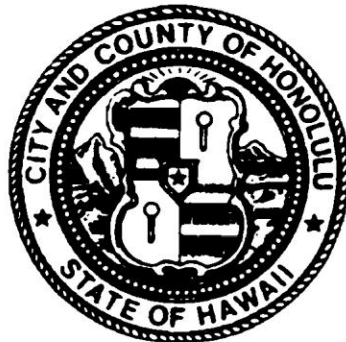
The DOT suggests to delete the word "comparable" on page 1, line 16, so that it reads as follows: "Has completed the same requirements of section 286-102.6(f) in another state and possesses a valid provisional license from that state."

If the intent of this bill is to conduct a state-to-state analysis to determine if a teen applicant possesses an out-of-state provisional license that is same as Hawaii provisional license, it would cause delays in the implementation of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Monday, March 17, 2014, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room 309

SENATE Bill 2329 SD1, "RELATING TO Provisional Licenses "
Position: Comments

TO: The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation

The City and County of Honolulu has no objections to the intent of S.B. No. 2329 SD1 which will allow the examiner of drivers to waive the road test for out-of-state provisional licensed applicants who had been issued an out-of-state provisional license and completed the same requirements as provided in Section 286-102.6(f), HRS.

We concur with the technical amendment of deleting the word "comparable" on line 16, page 1 as proposed by the State Department of Transportation.

We defer to the State Department of Transportation regarding the effective date of this bill. The Director of Transportation will be required to provide the county examiner of drivers with the listing of jurisdictions whose provisional driver licenses will be acceptable by the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 2329 SD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Preston P. H. K. Ko". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Preston P. H. K. Ko
Acting Licensing Administrator

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation
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From: Liz Gocong, Hawaii Citizen, Military Spouse
Subject: **Support** for S.B. No. 2329 S.D. 1, Relating to Teen Provisional Licensing

16 Mar 2014

Driving is an action that requires serious commitment, training that is relevant and engaged, and laws that are put in place to protect the well being of all. In the 1970, a single state, North Carolina looked at how to create a process (now called Graduated Drivers Licenses) of training that would reduce teen automobile fatalities. The laws for driving address one primary focus, to keep our citizens alive.

FACT: Graduated drivers licensing (GDL) programs have helped to reduce teen driving deaths due to the States enacting GDL laws. The latest data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) indicated that the number of drivers age 15 to 20 involved in fatal crashes totaled 4,347 in 2011, down 48 percent from the 8,325 involved in 2002. This is a direct result of the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Programs. Currently all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, subscribe to the core requirements defined in the GDL's. Bottom line - GDL's work.

In January of 2006 (Act 72, 2005) Hawaii took a great step in aligning the requirements for teen licensing by adopting parameters of training requirements outlined in the GDL's and adopted the core three-step process for teens to obtain a full privilege drivers licensing.

Hawaii is home to over 52,000+ military members and many more citizens' that transfer here, many with their families, to support our large military community. The subset of these families is the children. Hawaii has recognized the importance of these children by adopting the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children which set forth legal basis for the overwhelmingly logical action of recognizing and giving academic credit for course work already completed in the child's very mobile educational journey. Bottom line; recognizing their prior investments and giving them credit.

Currently, of the top ten military impacted states (Defense Manpower Data Center), AK, CA, CO, DC, FL, IL, TX, VA, WA and HI, eight offer reciprocity for out of state teen driving licenses, only HI and CO do not. Hawaii has so many positive things to offer its transient community, that opportunities such as this, to create a logical process of giving credit, already sanctioned by another U.S. state using the GDL's, seems something Hawaii should strive to enact.

The hope for S.B. 2329 S.D. 1, is not to allow teens to obtain something they have not earned. It is not to circumvent Hawaii's law's, it is to give them credit for what they, their parents, the certified driving courses and trainers, and the state law makers of the states of which they transferred, has already been achieved and certified. The request is logical; give credit for prior training and prior licensing that is equivalent to Hawaii's, create the opportunity to continue training/driving from the point of current ability/licensing, and upon confirmation of this training; eye/paper and road test them, like everyone else, to drive safely on the roadways of Hawaii. Let's recognize and respect their investments and show support to these very valuable and cherished members of our community, and their parents, who in turn are here as result of military orders in the name of defending our nation.

It is for these reasons that I wish to respectfully request you support S.B. 2329 S.D. 1.

Very respectfully,
Liz Gocong

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SB2329

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Testimony for TRN on Mar 17, 2014 10:30AM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Turk	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: 15 March 2014 Testimony submitted in support of S.B. 2329/ H.B. 1773 by Julie Turk, Military Spouse Please join me in support of this bill and help it continue on its path! This bill does not ask the state to waive any of the requirements for driver education, it simply asks to recognize driver education that has been completed before arrival. If that education is the same or more stringent than Hawaii's driver education requirements, it would allow students to continue on their path toward full licensure without repeating costly and time consuming requirements. From my perspective, the law as it stands feels like a penalty for military kids. They arrive in Hawaii anticipating plenty of adjustments and challenges that come with new schools and friends. If they have successfully completed similar driver education requirements and then are told they must REPEAT those time consuming requirements, what a frustrating thing for them to face at a time when they should be focusing on getting involved in a new community! By adopting the Military Interstate Compact, Hawaii has shown its support of the need to ease transitions for military students by recognizing similar academic requirements. This bill would be a logical next step by recognizing similar driver education requirements. Although this bill may not affect large numbers of individuals, the magnitude of the effect it has on the teens in transition, mostly military dependents, is definitely significant! I urge you to support this bill which simply makes sense.

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