

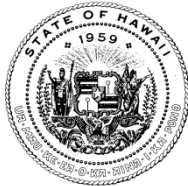
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S.B. 2329, S.D. 1
RELATING TO PROVISIONAL LICENSES

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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 require an extensive period of time so as to cause delays in the implementation of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

10 Feb 2014

Testimony submitted in respect to S.B. 2329/ H.B. 1773 by Julie Turk, Military Spouse

I want to thank the State of Hawaii for adopting the Military Interstate Children's Compact to help make the transition to a new state and school easier for military children in many ways. An additional way to help these children would be to accept their comparable driver training as outlined in this bill.

Our son completed his driver training in the state of Washington. He passed a written rules of the road exam, drove for more than 6 months with a permit, participated in 30 hours of classroom instruction, 13 hours of behind the wheel training, completed at least 50 hours of driving with a permit before passing a driving exam with a state examiner. He then drove for 6 months on a probationary license with which he could only drive alone or with family members in the vehicle. After this probation time, he was able to drive with up to 3 non-family members in the vehicle. By the time we arrived in Hawaii, he had been licensed for a full 10 months.

We arrived on Oahu in early July and proceeded to settle in to island life. You can imagine what a tough move it must be for a very successful sophomore to leave his friends and school behind, but we were confident that he would get involved and make a positive adjustment. We purchased a vehicle for him to be able to get to school, cross country team practice, and just be able to have some independence as he found his place in the new community. Shortly after we arrived, he joined the cross country team and we were very happy that he was getting involved and making new friends.

Then we found out that his driving license is not valid in Hawaii. According to the DOT website, drivers between the age of 16 and 18 must re-take all of the behind the wheel training, wait 6 months with a permit before being allowed to take a driving test, and then fulfill a probationary period.

It was very important to us that Riley get involved in school activities as quickly as possible. It would be a significant hardship involving much time and money for him to have to re-do all of the training that he had already successfully completed in Washington. What a blow to the morale of a kid doing his best to transition at a pivotal time in his life! As a military family, we count on our older children to help with family errands and transportation of siblings. Finding the time to successfully complete all of the requirements was a challenge to do once. Twice just seems cruel!

Please consider adopting this bill so there is not an added burden on the kids and families moving here from out of state who have already successfully completed driver training.