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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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9:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 211

**S.C.R. 122**  
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CORRECT THE**  
**DEFECTS OF THE VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION DECALS AND TO DEVELOP**  
**PROTOCOLS THAT WILL ENSURE QUALITY CONTROL STANDARDS OF ITS**  
**PROGRAMS**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) provides the following comments for this resolution.

DOT does have procedures in place that addresses quality control standards for the Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection (PMVI) program. Below are some of the sticker specifications that were in the DOT request for bids:

The decal shall be of reflective material and meet the following requirements for a minimum three (3) year period:

- Decals shall resist wear and weathering during normal use in Hawaii for a period of at least three years and application to an automobile bumper.
- The adhesive material shall form a durable, vandal resistant bond to bumper surfaces with or without paint without the necessity of additional adhesive coats or use of water or other solvent or heat techniques.
- Decals be readily cleansed of normal dirt accumulation by washing with water and mild detergents, solvents such as VM&P, Naphtha, mineral spirits, turpentine or other solvents used on vehicle finishes. After cleaning, the decal shall show no appreciable change when compared visually to a new, clean decal.
- Printing shall not occur until the information is communicated to the printer.
- The contractor shall warrant that the printing and adhesion will remain durable and last for three (3) years. The bidder shall submit with the bid, independent laboratory test results to confirm the decals meet the above specifications.
- Offeror shall submit with the proposal a sample sticker that meets the above requirements and was printed by the printer proposed by the offeror.

There are federal guidelines for testing decal durability that set out various substances that decal print should be tested against. These substances do not include acetone or acetone-based products because the industry knows that acetone will remove paint. The federal testing protocols are designed to test against materials that may reasonably be expected to come in contact with the decal in normal use.

DOT continues to work with the current contractor/vendor to address the issues associated with the vehicle safety inspection decals.

Thank you for the opportunity to present comments.