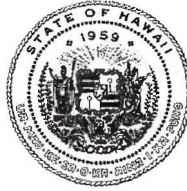


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RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

The DOT strongly **supports with an amendment** this Administration bill that allows expanded authority of the Director of Transportation over required motor vehicle and motor carrier vehicle inspections in the State by upgrading the methods and procedures of state motor vehicle inspections. The current system is inefficient in that it requires legislation to be passed every time a change to the program is desired, such as an amendment to an inspection. Amending the administrative rules is a more efficient means of making changes and still allows for input from the public. This bill gives the director expanded authority to make program changes using the process established in chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The bill also deletes all of the insurance information required to be placed on an inspection certificate except the expiration date. With the implementation of an electronic inspection form program, digital images of insurance cards can be made and stored by inspection stations. The image can easily be retrieved if an inspector is suspected of not checking the card or accepting a fraudulent card. Putting only the expiration date on the inspection certificate will minimize the data entry required by inspectors while providing the most important data on the certificate.

The proposed legislation will allow the program to be run more efficiently, thereby improving service and value to the public. It will also make changes to the inspection fee structure more expedient. The interests of the public are protected by public hearings that allow an opportunity for public input on any administrative rule amendment.

The amendment we request is to add the phrase "no more than" to Section 3, subsection (d) of this bill to read as follows: "A fee of no more than \$12 shall be charged by a motor carrier inspection station for each safety inspection performed[-]. then charge no more than the maximum inspection fee when the fee is established by administrative rules pursuant to subsection (b)."

This will make it possible for a station to charge less than the maximum fee for the safety inspection sticker without violating the rules.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.