

SB 2715

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE
INSPECTIONS



February 6, 2016

Re: SB2715 to extend the safety inspection period from one year to two

Aloha Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and members of the TRE/WAM Committees,

The staff and management of Aloha Shell Service have concerns on SB2715 and oppose this bill.

We believe the current inspection program provides a method to ensure proper safety of motor vehicles driven on public highways.

The Legislature “agrees that inspections are necessary to ensure vehicles are in working order, ultimately increasing safety for all who use the roadways.” It is interesting that the legislature also wants to change the inspection period from one year to two to mitigate the “hardships” of obtaining a yearly certificate of motor vehicle inspection.

Please understand the primary purpose of the inspection is to ensure proper safety of motor vehicles and NOT to obtain a certificate. The certificate is merely a document that certifies compliance with all government laws.

Convenience should never be a reason to compromise safety.

According to the legislature, there has been a decrease in inspectors and limited hours of operation by inspectors. The cost of conducting business is constantly increasing. Perhaps reflecting this increase in cost by increasing the fees to a fair price would encourage more inspectors and inspection stations. This bill specifically states that the legislature does NOT intend to increase the fees.

Should the safety inspection period change from one year to two, it would also make sense to change the period of the vehicle registration and no fault insurance to be concurrently effective for two years. It doesn't make sense for the safety inspection to last for two years while the insurance or registration is only good for a month.

The rules, regulations, procedures and standards should also be changed to reflect the two year period. For example: Upon inspection, brake material thickness and tire tread depth are at the minimum standard but will it last for two years?

Most importantly, the government should enforce the current rules and regulations. There are too many illegal vehicles with loud exhausts, dark tints, lifted, oversized tires, expired safety inspections, expired registrations and no insurance. Extending the period without more enforcement will only encourage more illegal modifications and expirations.

We humbly request that you oppose this bill. Thank you.

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