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H.B. 1942, H.D. 1
RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSING

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1942, H.D. 1 relating to driver's licensing.

The proposed amendment to Section 286-104.5 addresses the need for Hawaii's law to match the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Final Rule. The DHS' final rule that relates to the REAL ID Act of 2005 allows for only one REAL ID-compliant credential whether a driver's license or state civil identification card.

The proposed amendment to Section 286-104.5 addresses the situation that may occur when a person elects to hold a state civil identification card as their REAL ID-compliant credential and permits that person to obtain a non-compliant limited purpose driver's license.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amy agbayani	Testifying for Filipina Advocacy Network FAN	Support	No

Comments:

Filipino Advocacy Network supports hb1941, hd1 allowing applicants who voluntarily choose to obtain a REAL ID compliant State Civil Identification Card.

Amy Agbayani

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Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To: Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair; Sen. Will Espero, Vice Chair;
Members, Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

From: Marcella Alohalani Boido, M. A., Certified Spanish Court Interpreter, Tier 4

Date: March 14, 2018, 1:15 p.m., Room 225

Re: **HB 1942 HD 1, Support**

Thank you for hearing this bill. Sen. Inouye, Sen. Espero, and Committee members, when I look at the Senate districts that you represent, I see that these are districts where a fair number of families will be positively impacted by passage of this bill.

I, on the other hand, will probably see some decrease in my income that derives from state court interpreting. I support this bill anyway. I am a Certified Spanish Court Interpreter, Tier 4. My certified status means that I have priority in being contracted by the state courts, immediately after my two Tier 6 colleagues. I support this bill, because I know that passing it is what is best for Hawai'i and its people.

If the Legislature will pass this bill, our roads will become safer, because more drivers will have gone through our licensing process and learned the Hawaii rules of the road. More people will be able to obtain a driver's license so that they can go to work, take their children to school, and do their shopping, with less fear. Local police can be assured that the person with one of these documents is actually the person named in the document.

Sometimes people who are ticketed or arrested for something else, turn out not to have a driver's license. These cases can clog up our system. Prosecutors must prepare the file, public defenders meet with the defendant, the police come to court as witnesses, the interpreters come to interpret for the folks who are Limited-English Proficient, various continuances are granted for various reasons, etc. Meanwhile, the defendant is losing time from work or school or both. Some may lose their jobs.

This bill will decrease court congestion. It will give our courthouse workers some breathing room. Costs for both state and county will decrease. Please make it possible for the justice system to concentrate on whatever led to the traffic stop in the first place.

Some defendants have a driver's license that Hawaii recognizes, including a valid international driver's license. Still, people have to take time to come and show these licenses. Prosecutors then call their office to see if this particular driver's license is acceptable. Counsel confer. The judge considers things. All of this takes time in an already congested court system.

There is also a scam which targets immigrants, who are sometimes sold an invalid "international driver's license." Hopefully, this bill will decrease the number of victims of this scam.

HB 1942 HD1 1 is a community-building and community integration measure. It will lead to greater road safety for all drivers, create greater social justice, and reduce court congestion and governmental costs. Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully, I urge you to pass this bill.