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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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10:00 A.M.  
State Capitol, Room 423

**H.B. 1942**  
**RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSING**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1942 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.

**HB-1942**

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 9:01:05 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/7/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victor K. Ramos	Maui Police Department	Oppose	No

Comments:



# THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

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*Our mission is to develop, own and operate a community center that provides social, economic and education services and to promote and perpetuate Filipino culture and customs in the State of Hawai'i.*

Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 423

February 7, 2018, 10:00 am

From: The Filipino Community Center, Inc.  
Franz D. Juan, Executive Director

Subject: Support for HB1942, RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING (companion SB2512)

The Filipino Community Center, Inc.'s mission, in part, is to provide social, economic and education services and to promote and perpetuate Filipino culture and customs in the State of Hawaii. This measure provides limited purpose identification to those who cannot or choose not to obtain a REAL ID Act compliant state civil identification card. Many individuals in our community need these appropriate identification cards.

**We support HB1942 authorizing the issuance of limited purpose driver's license, limited purpose provisional driver's licenses, and limited purpose instruction permits to include applicants who voluntarily choose to obtain a REAL ID compliant State Civil Identification card.**

The ability to have some type of identification card as the individual's choice.

Therefore, we support HB1942. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Committee on Transportation

February 7, 2018 @ 10am

Testimony in support of HB 1942 Related to Driver Licensing

Submitted by: Amy Agbayani, chair

Filipina Advocacy Network (FAN)

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Quinlan and members of the Transportation committee

Filipina Advocacy Network (FAN) supports the intent of HB 1942 which authorizes the issuance of limited purpose driver's licenses, provisional driver's license or instructional permits to include applicants who voluntarily choose to obtain a REAL ID compliant State Civil Identification. Provision of a REAL ID Act compliant form of identification in lieu of a driver's license, for those who cannot or do not drive, would provide limited use proof of identity and residence.

HFCR supports HB 1942 which allows holders of REAL ID compliant state civil ID cards to obtain a limited use driver's license because the REAL ID Act does not allow a person to have more than one/both

Amy Agbayani



Committee on Transportation

February 7, 2018 @ 10am

Testimony submitted by Faye Kennedy, chair

HAWAI'I FRIENDS OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Testimony in support of HB 1942 Related to Driver Licensing

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Quinlan and members of the Transportation committee

Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR) supports HB 1942. HFCR advocates for equity, diversity and inclusiveness. HFCR supports the intent of HB 1942 which would benefit many residents in Hawai'i receive appropriate identification cards.

HFCR supports HB 1942 which authorizes the issuance of limited purpose driver's licenses, provisional driver's license or instructional permits to include applicants who voluntarily choose to obtain a REAL ID compliant State Civil Identification. The bill allows holders of REAL ID compliant state civil ID cards to obtain a limited use driver's license because the REAL ID Act does not allow a person to have more than on/both.

**HB-1942**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 3:03:25 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/7/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joli Tokusato	Unite Here Local 5	Support	No

Comments:

# LATE

To: Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair; Rep. Sean Quinlan, Vice Chair;  
Members, House Committee on Transportation

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

Date: February 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m., Room 423

Re: **HB 1942, Support**

Thank you for hearing this bill. 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 arrested for something else and turn out not to have a driver's license continue to drive, out of perceived necessity. When they are caught again, these cases 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, various continuances are granted for various reasons, wash, rinse, repeat. Meanwhile, the defendant is losing time from work or school. 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.

Through my father, who raised me to speak Spanish, I am part-Mexican. After considerable study, I was able to pass the professional oral examination to become a Hawaii State Judiciary certified court interpreter, Tier 4. Hawaii has only twelve certified spoken language court interpreters. Eight are certified in Spanish: four on Oahu, and two each on Maui and the Big Island. Some certified interpreters have limited availability to the courts.

My certified status gives me priority in being contracted by the courts. I interpret for defendants who have a charge for something that caused a police officer to ask to see a driver's license. Whoops! Then the charge of driving without a license is added to a person's woes.

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 busy court system.

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

HB 1942 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. I urge you to pass this bill.