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**H.B. 2003, H.D.1
RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED**

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2003, H.D.1 relating to driving while intoxicated. This bill amends the documentation requirements for requests for permits that authorize a person whose license was judicially revoked (for the offense of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant) to operate an employer's vehicle as a mandatory part of work during the period of license revocation. Specifically, this measure allows an employer's sworn statement to include either the hours of the day, not to exceed twelve hours per day, or the period of the specified assigned hours of work, the respondent will drive the vehicle or vehicles for purposes of employment...

To be able to drive a vehicle for work without an ignition interlock is a privilege and should not be abused under the employee driver permit (EDP).

The DOT recommends passage of H.B. 2003, H.D.1 as it clarifies the conditions under which a defendant or respondent may drive a work vehicle to maintain their employment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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H.B. 2003, H.D. 1 –
RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the intent of H.B. 2003, H.D. 1 which allows for an employee to request to operate an employer's vehicle during the period of license revocation with the employer's sworn statement of the specified assigned hours of work.

To be clear, our testimony in support of H.B. 2003, H.D. 1 does not condone nor excuse driving while intoxicated under any circumstances. Rather, H.B. 2003, H.D. 1 amends existing statutes contained in Sections 291E-44.5 and 291E-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes to modify the documentation requirements for requests for permits by allowing an employer's sworn statement to include the period of assigned hours of work that the employee will drive for employment purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. 2003, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,


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H.B. 2003, H.D.1 – RELATING TO
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The Hawaii State AFL-CIO supports H.B. 2003, H.D.1 which allows requests for permits that authorize the respondent or defendant to operate an employer's vehicle during the period of license revocation to be supported by the employer's sworn statement attesting to the period of the specified assigned hours of work that the defendant will drive the vehicle for purposes of employment.

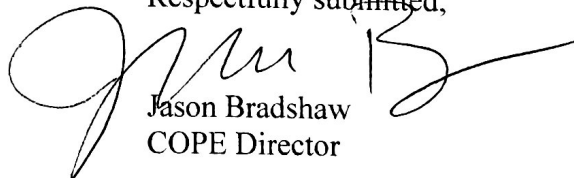
The Hawaii State AFL-CIO strongly believes there should be serious repercussions for driving under the influence such as revoking a personal driver's license. We also want everyone to arrive home safely and encourage all of our members to drive sober to prevent any negative consequences from occurring.

That being said, some employees require driving a vehicle for work and should be able to obtain a special permit that allows them to drive the vehicle for work purposes only. Employees are not allowed to be under the influence while at work and could be terminated if they are.

This bill simply ensures an employee can legally operate a work vehicle while at work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,



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H.B. No. 2003 HD 1 RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO represents more than 1,900 professional active-duty and 800 retired fire fighters throughout the State of Hawaii. On behalf of our members, HFFA **supports H.B. No. 2003 HD 1**, which allows permits that authorizes the defendant to operate an employer's vehicle during the period of license revocation to be supported by the employer's sworn statement attesting to the period of the specified assigned hours of work.

H.B. No. 2003 HD 1 recognizes that not all occupations have work shift periods that are less than or equal to the twelve hours contained in Section 291E-61 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and instead, opts to acknowledge that a work shift period may be longer than twelve hours via its proposed amendment of the inclusion language – “or the period of the specified assigned hours of work.” This bill will allow an employee whose assigned hours of work exceeds twelve hours, under certain conditions, to remain on the job during the administrative license revocation process.

HFFA does not in any way condone driving while intoxicated and this bill does not affect other remaining provisions of the current administrative revocation process. The intent of this bill is simply to acknowledge that an assigned work shift period may be longer than twelve hours; its goal is to return employees to work when the other conditions of the process are met.

HFFA appreciates your Committee's favorable consideration of this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.