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IN REPLY REFER TO:

STATE OF HAWAII
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January 31, 2017
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 329

H.B. 34
RELATING TO NONRESIDENTS

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** this measure that establishes the kamaaina card program for nonresident individuals born in Hawaii.

The State of Hawaii driver license and state identification card are certified by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as being compliant with the Federal REAL ID Act of 2005 (Act). As a result, our residents are able to use these credentials to board commercial airlines, enter federal buildings and nuclear facilities.

The various county driver license locations are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the enrollment and issuance process of all driver licenses and identification cards. Because the transactions to obtain these credentials require the inclusion of reviewing and scanning of required documents into the applicant's file, applicants at these locations have experienced protracted "wait times" due to long lines.

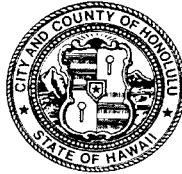
Placing an additional responsibility to issue non-compliant "kamaaina" cards creates ancillary burdens not associated with the requirements of the Act nor the driver licensing process, causing longer "wait times" for customers utilizing the driver license locations' services and computer programming changes by the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Information Technology's database required to accommodate such an initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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January 30, 2017

TESTIMONY OF GALEN ONOUE, LICENSING ADMINISTRATOR
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 329

HOUSE Bill 34, "RELATING TO NONRESIDENTS"

Position: Oppose

TO: The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

The City and County of Honolulu strongly opposes H.B. No. 34, allowing nonresident individuals born in Hawaii to be issued kamaaina cards from the examiner of drivers.

Under Hawaii Revised Statutes 286-101, the duty of the examiner of drivers shall be to examine the qualifications and fitness of any person desiring to secure or to renew a license to operate a motor vehicle. The kamaaina card is not a government identification or entitles an individual to operate a vehicle and would create an additional burden on the daily operations of issuing and renewing licenses.

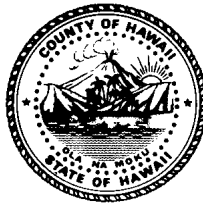
In recent years, the Division of Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permits (MVL) has been tasked with several unfunded mandates with the passage of new state and federal legislation (i.e., Real ID, limited purpose licenses, and State ID, etc.) which has placed an enormous burden on the MVL operations and resources. Although MVL has been employing technological solutions to alleviate the long lines at driver license locations, the additional responsibility of issuing kamaaina cards will place an unnecessary burden on staffing and resources making customer service wait times again increase.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Galen K. Onouye".

Galen K. Onouye
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Testimony of the County of Hawaii
Director of Finance
Opposing H B 34 Relating to Non Residents – Kamaaina Cards

The Director of Finance, County of Hawaii opposes H.B. 34, as it pertains to Non Residents – Kamaaina Cards. The law as written, does not identify a useful purpose or need for this card. Currently, out of state residents are able to use identifying documents such as a driver's license or state identification card from their state of residence in Hawaii.

The law as written requires the Examiner of Drivers of each county the responsibility for the issuance of these cards. Since the Kamaaina card will not be an acceptable form of government identification and has no effect on motoring safety, the authority should not be given to the Examiner of Drivers.

As we process our existing residents of the County of Hawaii, our offices are already experiencing long lines and wait time as we administer the Safe Act. Adding another function, which has no legal use will negatively impact our clients who seek required legal documentation.

Collins Tomei
Director of Finance
County of Hawaii