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**S.B. 1276
RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B 1276.

This bill expands the authority of the Director of Transportation over motor carrier vehicle inspections.

There is a need to upgrade the methods and procedures of the motor carrier vehicle safety inspection program such as transitioning the current paper-based inspection program to an electronic program.

The Motor Carrier Safety Staff is charged with the oversight of the DOT safety inspection of motor carrier vehicles program. The oversight responsibility for this program is a portion of the overall responsibilities of the motor carrier safety staff operations. Because the DOT safety inspection for motor carrier vehicles program is a paper-based program, officers must conduct audits of this program in the field, which is time consuming. Records indicate that on Oahu during the calendar years of 2016 to 2108, a total of 36 violations that include such things as; improper completion of DOT inspection certificates, non-certified inspector conducting inspections, inspections conducted without receiving proper documents, inspections conducted at non-certified locations, etc.

Transitioning to an electronic program from a paper-based program would eliminate such violations from occurring, thus resulting in proper inspections being conducted that enhances safer motor carrier vehicles using Hawaii's roads.

Amending administrative rules is a more efficient means of making changes and still allows for input from the public to the program.

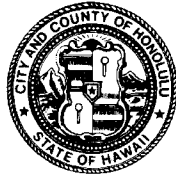
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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SENATE BILL 1276, "Relating to Motor Carrier Vehicle Safety Inspections"

TO: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee on Transportation

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs

The City and County of Honolulu would like to **comment** on S.B. No. 1276 that expands authority of the Director of Transportation over required motor carrier vehicle inspections.

The Division of Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permits of the Department of Customer Services provides oversight on behalf of the State Department of Transportation in relation to safety checks for all vehicles. This includes safety checks associated with commercial vehicles.

We are therefore supportive of the State's efforts in obtaining the ability to automate the motor carrier vehicle safety inspection program that would transition safety inspections from a paper-based program to an electronic program. This would allow for proper inspections being conducted that enhances safer motor carrier vehicles using Hawaii's roads.

We firmly believe that doing so will enable us to expedite the safety inspection process through better data collection, audit oversight, and safety assurance.

Change is difficult in many settings; however, the cost associated with keeping this process manual far exceeds the benefit of requiring commercial vehicles to transition into an electronic program."

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on S.B. No. 1276.