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S.B. 1277, S.D.1
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

House Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B 1277, S.D.1.

This bill amends the law relating to registration renewals and initial registrations of motor carrier vehicles of any motor carrier who has an outstanding federal out-of-service order and adds a definition for "out-of-service order."

The Hawaii Department of Transportation's (DOT) Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) is funded through a federal grant from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). MCSAP eligible activities are covered by the FMCSA at 85 percent and the State covers the remaining 15 percent. MCSAP eligible activities include such highway safety activities as commercial motor vehicle inspections and compliance reviews.

The Performance Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) is a federal program that identifies motor carriers that are under a Federal "out-of-service" order because those motor carriers have not corrected safety "deficiencies" noted in FMCSA compliance review investigations.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act that was passed in December of 2015 made PRISM mandatory for all States as a condition of receiving MCSAP grant funding. MCSAP recipients are required to "fully participate" or be "PRISM Equivalent" by October 1, 2020.

By restricting the registration renewals and initial registrations of motor carrier vehicles of any motor carrier who has an unresolved out-of-service order, as proposed in this measure, Hawaii will be "PRISM Equivalent" and continue to be able to receive MCSAP grant funding.

The grant funding will help ensure that motor carrier vehicles are safe to operate on Hawaii's roads thereby protecting our residents and visitors as they commute to their destinations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.