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Comments:

The vehicle safety inspection program is not working , the state is unable to enforce it, there are a lot of vehicles out there with no insurance and an up to date safety sticker. insurance is bought for 6 months and not renewed or cancelled when the safety sticker is on the bumper.

When the state took away the air bag, "warning lite on", from not passing safety to passing, because the cost of repairing the system is too great for many people, they are showing that it is not safety on the highways that they are after it is the federal funding; the manufacturers put air bags in to meet federal standards imposed on them, just like seat belts.

The safety ck stations on maui is limited, we only have 2 in the up country area for autos and none for motorcycles, it is a inconvenience for people to have to make an appointment at the safety inspection station at their (stations} convenience, at times have to take off from work to get it done.and for motorcycles have to drive all the way to kahului.

the stations on maui will inspect your vehicle if they want,and acording to the safety inspection office at their discretion,and here on maui there have been vehicles turned down because the inspector did not like what he see, and not whats on the inspection list, they make up their own stuff,like nothing can stick up 4 inches above the hood, but yet on hot rods and classic cars it is legal to run with out a hood or even fenders. there is nothing on the check list about 4 inches above the hood,

The stations are out to make fast money, if you know what is on the list for safety inspectors to ck.watch them you are lucky if they ck. half of the items, who cks. brakes, brake hoses, parking brakes, they will drive the car on a lift but not pick the car up to ck under.

Why do new cars sold out of a dealership have safetys for 2 years and all the rest 1 year, depending on the usage and care of a vehicle, vehicles less than one year can have safety issues, why do you think there is a lot of recalls by manufactures.

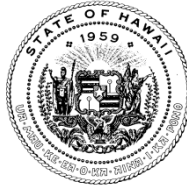
Here on maui there is people giving safety cks, with no vehicle mechanical expertise, yet when a working ASE certified mechanic takes his car for a safety ck. this person

can turn his vehicle down at his or her discretion, that's right we even have females with no experience doing safety ck. just because they can pass the test by memorizing the rules. this is a slap in the face for mechanics The next time you go to safety ck. watch what is done. get a ck. list what should be inspected, you will be surprised how your vehicle is zipped thru,. then pay your \$26.00

I am a retired mechanic for 41 years, I still have a a vehicle repair licence.

The stations had to buy tablets, printers and stuff for the way safety is done now, it is all a tax write off.

Most states do not have safety cks. why does a small state like Hi. have to have it, especially maui county with their hazardous, pot holed roads, that is dangerous especially for 2 wheeled vehicles.



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S.C.R. 19 / S.R. 14
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY
ON THE NECESSITY OF VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS IN HAWAII.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) offers **comments** on S.C.R. 19 / S.R. 14.

If a study of the inspection program is to be done, it is possible that the results will be more readily accepted, if it is conducted by a neutral party. Since the program is coordinated by the DOT, it is probable that the validity of the study would be questioned, should there be a conclusion that the program should be continued as it exists, or continued with minor changes.

Although some new vehicles have more safety features than older vehicles, the vehicle inventory on Hawaii's roads contains a mixture of both old and new vehicles, and older vehicles outnumber new vehicles. Moreover, vehicle components on all vehicles wear out with use, so there is a need for all vehicles to be inspected. The inspection program currently does this annually to ensure that vehicles are reasonably safe to operate on public roads. Experience has shown that many people fail to inspect and properly maintain their vehicles -both old and new.

In 2018, a total of 1,029,430 motor vehicles were inspected statewide via Hawaii's Vehicle Safety Inspection Program. A total of 246,783 defects were identified which needed to be corrected.

The DOT believes Hawaii's Vehicle Safety Inspection Program provides the benefit of ensuring that vehicles meet safety standards for such items as tires, wheel alignment, brakes, steering, suspension, window tint, windshield wipers, headlamp, brake lamps, etc. so that those vehicles can be safely operated on our roads and help to minimize traffic congestion due to breakdowns. The program also ensures that the vehicles are insured and properly registered.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.