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January 29, 2020

The Honorable Ron E. Kouchi
Hawaii State Senate President
State Capitol, Room 409
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi:

This is to inform you that the following Resolution 19-309, CD1, urging the Legislature of the State of Hawaii to increase the driver's license renewal period for certain senior drivers, was adopted by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu at its meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. As directed by the Resolution, a copy is attached for your information.

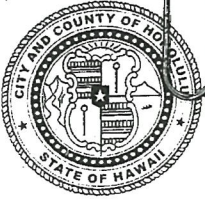
Sincerely,

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The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Hawaii State Speaker of the House
State Capitol, Room 431
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Speaker Saiki:

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 19-309, CD1

RESOLUTION

URGING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO INCREASE THE DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL PERIOD FOR CERTAIN SENIOR DRIVERS.

WHEREAS, Section 286-106, Subdivision 2, of the Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") (the "statute"), provides for the expiration of driver's licenses "on the first birthday of the licensee occurring not less than two years after the date of the issuance of the license if, at that time, the licensee is seventy-two years of age or older"; and

WHEREAS, the statute provides that the driver's license renewal period for persons aged 17-24 is every four years and for persons aged 25-71 is every eight years; and

WHEREAS, for many seniors, the driver's license renewal date causes unnecessary stress and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety ("IIHS"), Hawaii is one of the few states that grant those aged 72 and older only a two-year license, while most states have at least a four-year period for those drivers between driver's license renewals; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that for drivers 55 and older, fatality rates per licensed driver were not lower in states with laws requiring shortened renewal periods for older drivers than in states without such requirements; and

WHEREAS, according to the IIHS, despite their growing numbers, older drivers are involved in fewer fatal collisions than in the past; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 industry analysis by the PEW Charitable Trusts organization, "older people are generally considered safe drivers, more programs exist to improve their driving skills, and recent studies have shown that many of the [driver's license] restrictions [for that age group] aren't as effective as once thought in preventing traffic fatalities"; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Adkins, executive director of the Governors Highway Safety Association, stated that one of the reasons that "many legislatures have not passed age-based restrictions lately is that society has changed the way it defines 'old'"; and



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WHEREAS, people, including seniors, are more active and live longer than those of previous generations; and

WHEREAS, AARP contends that age should not be used as the sole measure of an older person's fitness to handle a car because "driving is about the ability and health of the driver, not their age"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") believes that the shorter renewal period based solely on a person's age is unwarranted, excessively burdensome, and harmful to the health of seniors aged 72 years and older; and

WHEREAS, the Council further believes that a four-year or longer renewal period for persons 72 and older is appropriate to relieve those seniors of the stress and inconvenience of more frequent driver's license renewals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Legislature of the State of Hawaii is urged to enact legislation to increase the driver's license renewal period for seniors 72 years of age or older from every two years to every four years, except as otherwise provided by HRS Chapter 286, Part VI; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Governor, the Speaker of the Hawaii State House of Representatives, and the President of the Hawaii State Senate.

INTRODUCED BY:

Kymberly Pine

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

November 15, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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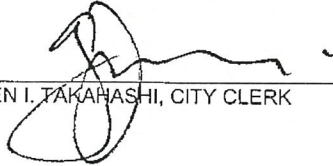
Introduced: 11/15/19 By: KYMBERLY PINE Committee: TRANSPORTATION

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO INCREASE THE DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL PERIOD FOR CERTAIN SENIOR DRIVERS.

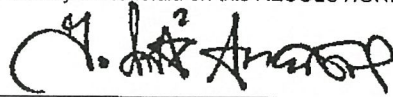
Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

01/23/20	TRANSPORTATION	CR-33(20) - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM. 3 AYES: ELEFANTE, MENOR, PINE. 1 EXCUSED: MANAHAN.
01/29/20	COUNCIL	CR-33(20) AND RESOLUTION 19-309, CD1 AS AMENDED WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS. 1 ABSENT: MENOR.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER