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**Before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, February 27, 2019
11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**On the following measure:
H.B. 65, H.D. 1, RELATING TO UNATTENDED VEHICLES**

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is Stephen Levins, and I am the Executive Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Office of Consumer Protection. The Department opposes this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the maximum charges imposed for tow truck services.

The Department does not see any basis for increasing the towing fees at this time. No evidence indicates that existing marketplace conditions support imposing higher towing rates on consumers, and no one has come forward to suggest that current rates have resulted in a decrease in services. Accordingly, before the Legislature authorizes any increase in towing fees, the industry should first come forward with data justifying the request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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HONOLULU TOWING INC	Honolulu Towing Inc	Support	No

Comments:

Good afternoon Representatives and committee members. My name is Roy Guthrie and I am representing Ace Towing Service. I have been in the Towing Industry for 37 years. I support Bill number HB-65.

Here are my thoughts on why I support this Bill. The part of the towing business that pertains to towing of vehicles from City and private properties are regulated by Sec. 290-11 of the HRS. This law is to keep towing companies in check so they don't just tow any vehicle from anywhere and also keeps towing companies from just throwing away customers vehicle's when they don't pick up their vehicles. This law also restricts the amount that towing companies can charge for an illegally parked tow.

Bill HB-65 is trying to raise the amount that towing companies will be allowed to charge. Unfortunately this type of towing businesses can't just charge more for a tow because Sec. 290-11 does not allow it. I can understand the reasoning behind this because there are tow companies that would charge unreasonable rates. But we also need to be reasonable and take a look in another direction. The last price increase happened in 2007, that's almost 12 years ago. A lot has happened in 11 years as to prices of goods and services. Prices have not gone down they have gone up, some more than others. The cost of doing business has substantially gone up. It is very hard to stay in business and keep up with the times when costs are going up and we can't charge more for our services. Just in the past few years our lease has gone up more than \$10,000 a month, that's \$120,000+ a year more. The minimum wage has increased 3 times in the last 3 years. When wages rise that's not the only costs that rise with it. Workman's comp and unemployment insurance cost rise accordingly. There is a lot of other expenses that have gone up over the years, fuel, maintenance etc...

There is also the Serviceman's Relief Act that has become full blown about 5 years ago in Hawaii. This Federal Law prohibits any tow company from disposing a vehicle that belongs to a person who is in active duty in the Armed Forces. This has caused towing companies to secure more storage areas store these vehicles with no end in sight. We have been storing cars at other locations for years now and are still paying to store these vehicles.

Towing companies that do this type towing are essential in Hawaii. We live on Islands where parking spaces on City streets and private properties are very limited. Towing services are needed by the City and County of Honolulu and the private sector. I have spoken to a lot of owners in this industry and they are all having a hard time with keeping up with the costs of operating. Real estate and operating costs with this current 12 year old towing rates needs be adjusted to cover these costs.

I notice that the old prices are left blank. I would like to make some suggestions in filling out these blanks. I would like to see the wording in the Bill to be simplified. In my opinion making these words simpler will be easier for citizens to understand and make the complaints to DCCA easier to handle. It will eliminate the dolly, overtime and the multi-level facility charges. The need to know if the vehicle was dollyed, what time was the vehicle towed and was the vehicle in a multi level facility, obsolete. This would also give the increase that we are trying to change. Here is what this would look like.

SECTION 1. Section 290-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) Towing companies engaged by the owner, occupant, or person in charge of the property shall:

- (1) Charge not more \$130.00 for a tow plus \$8.00 a mile towed, mileage must be calculated using Google Maps pending any road closures and \$50.00 per day or fraction there of for storage for the first 7 days and \$40.00 per day thereafter. If the vehicle is in the process of being hooked up or is hooked up to the tow truck and the owner appears on the scene, the towing company shall unhook the vehicle and shall not charge any fee to the owner of the vehicle shall be applicable;

This is simple and easy to understand. If this can't be done here is another example.

SECTION 1. Section 290-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) Towing companies engaged by the owner, occupant, or person in charge of the property shall:

- (1) Charge not more than [~~\$65~~] \$100.00 for a tow, or [~~\$75~~] \$110.00 for a tow using a dolly, plus a mileage charge of [~~\$7.50~~] \$8.00 per mile towed, mileage must be calculated using Google Maps pending any road closures and [~~\$25~~] \$50.00 per day or fraction thereof for storage for the first seven days and [~~\$20~~] \$40.00 per day thereafter. When the tow occurs between the hours of six o'clock p.m. and six o'clock a.m., from Monday through Thursday [~~and~~], or from six o'clock p.m. Friday to six o'clock a.m. Monday, the towing company shall be entitled to an overtime charge of [~~\$15~~] \$20.00. If the vehicle is in the process of being hooked up or is hooked up to the tow truck and the owner appears on the scene, the towing company shall unhook the vehicle and shall not charge any fee to the owner of the vehicle. In the case of a difficult hookup, meaning an above or below ground hookup in a multilevel facility, a towing surcharge of [~~\$30~~] \$40.00 shall be applicable;

As a guide I used tow charges from the more populated Cities across the Pacific Ocean in the State of California to come up with these charges. These Cities are Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Jose and San Diego. The Average one mile tow from these Cities are \$353.07. The charges we used in the our examples are less than \$200.00 range. This is substantially lower than our counterparts.

LOS ANGELES

TOW \$130.00
STORAGE \$40.50
Mileage \$7.50
LA city
Release \$115.00
10% Tax \$2.93
TOTAL \$295.93

SAN FRANCISCO

TOW \$229.00
STORAGE \$56.00
DOLLY \$74.50
MILEAGE \$11.00
TOTAL \$370.50
\$200.00 ADMIN
FEE NOT ADDED IN

SAN JOSE

TOW \$215.00
STORAGE \$87.50
AFTER
HOURS \$85.00
TOTAL \$387.50

SANDIEGO

TOW \$178.00
STORAGE \$38.00
DOLLY \$47.00
AFTER HOURS \$47.00
IMPOUND
RECOVERY FEE \$47.00
Total \$357.00

I want to thank you for taking the time to read my testimony and letting me speak. I feel that that a price increase has been needed for years now. I also feel that this is fair and makes it easier for everyone involved.

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February 26, 2019

House Finance Committee
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: **HB 65, HD 1, Relating to Unattended Vehicles**
Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
Hearing Place: Conf. Rm. 308, State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke and Members of the House Finance Committee.

Thank you for allowing Kuni's to present testimony regarding HB 65, HD 1.

My name is Brian Kunishige, and I am the President of Kuni's Enterprises, Inc., (KUNI'S), a full service towing and recovery operation, that provides primarily City Tow Sub-Contract Services. All-Island is the City Tow Contractor for all HPD initiated tows and Kuni's is a main Sub-Contractor providing services across most of Oahu. We are providing testimony in support of this bill. As a Sub Contractor doing HPD initiated tows, we are contracted to operate under, requirements of HRS 290-11, which HB 65, HD 1, seeks to amend.

It has been approximately 13 years since the fees and rates under 290-11 have been increased. Hawaii businesses have suffered upturns in employee costs, employee salaries, employee benefits, insurance, taxes and utilities. among other everyday expenses. By far the largest and most costly expense for a business like Kuni's is the cost of real estate. Property values have risen astronomically in the past ten years and so consequently has the cost of rents for those valuable properties.

In order to continue to operate Kuni's respectfully requests a modest increase in the general tow charges from \$65.00 to \$85.00 for a regular tow and from \$75.00 to \$100.00 for a dolly tow. We seek a small increase of the mileage charge from \$7.50.00 per mile to \$9.00 per mile and a flat storage rate of \$50.00 per day. The overtime charge should likewise be increased to \$25.00.

Last but not least, Kuni's respectfully requests that this body add to the above statute, the requirement that any business operating under 290-11, be able to charge State of Hawaii, General Excise Tax. These businesses have to pay the 4.712% to the state of Hawaii, but is not allowed to charge it to the customer, like any other business does.

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Our preliminary research indicates that Hawaii is in the bottom 5% of the States when it comes to our charges for government initiated tows, for the tow charges, mileage and storage. In a City like San Francisco, where property values, similar to Hawaii are ever increasing, the City Tow fees are based on an hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour and a storage rate of \$80.00 per day. While those rates may seem outrageous, our requests for increases are much more modest herein.

Kuni's supports the intent of HB 65, HD 1, and respectfully requests that this legislation be amended and passed out of committee.

Sincerely,

/S/ BRIAN S. KUNISHIGE

Brian S. Kunishige
President

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April 2, 2007

Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs (IGM)
Chair, Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair Shan S. Tsutsui

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs (TIA)
Chair, Kalani J. English, Vice Chair Lorraine R. Inouye

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 895

Thank you for the opportunity to SUPPORT HB 895, Relating to
Abandon Vehicles, Towing Fees and Towing Companies

My name is Brian Kunishige, Pres. of Oahu Auto Service, Inc., ("OAS") and Kuni's
Automotive ("KUNI'S"), full service towing and recovery operations. My companies SUPPORT
HB 895 and I respectfully ask for your support also.

Recently a City Ordinance passed by the City Council and signed into law by the Mayor,
has authorized the Honolulu Police Department to remove, tow and store vehicles found on Public
Property with expired registration and expired safety inspection certificates. Based thereon, our
volume of tows has increased tremendously, causing a HUGE backlog of vehicles in our storage
lots. Many towing companies, like Oahu and Kuni's have had to lease additional storage space
just to accommodate this increase. Most of this increase in volume of tows, however,
approximately 98% of these vehicles go unclaimed. The effort and storage becomes a financial
loss for the tow company which has to rent expensive storage space for JUNKS which mostly go
unclaimed. The City only pays for the tow, NOT the storage costs. Additionally, the City
requires that the vehicle sit in the storage lot for at least thirty (30) days after mailing of notices
before it can be sold or disposed of.

By increasing the Beautification Fee in the Motor Vehicle Registration, decreasing the
statutory time for notification of unclaimed vehicles and decreasing the number of days the motor
vehicle owner has to claim their vehicles, this will work to increase the flow of processing on these
many unclaimed vehicles.

For the above reasons OAS and KUNI'S SUPPORTS the above bill and respectfully
requests your committees support it also.

March 27, 2002

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Matt Matsunaga, Vice Chair

Testimony for HB 2030, HD 1, SD 1 (SSCR 2906)

Dear Mr. Chair, Vice Chair and the members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to oppose HB 2030, HD 1, SD 1, Relating to Towing.

My name is Brian Kunishige, Pres. of Oahu Auto Service, Inc., (Oahu). Oahu is a full service towing and recovery operation, and is the city tow contractor for the area from Alakea Street to Makapuu. For ten years, Oahu has been the city tow contractor for the downtown area, under our contract, is required to abide by the provisions of HRS 290-11.

Oahu objects to the above bill because we cannot provide notification to legal owners and registered owners within the 24 hr. period requested. This notification proposal requires that we and every other city tow operator or trespass tow operator, have full access to the city computers. The city has already told the industry that they will not provide this access because of confidentiality problems. This notification requirement will also require additional manpower and expense which will eventually be passed on to the vehicle owner through increased rates.

Oahu also objects to the above bill for the credit card payment provision. Presently, the tow operator must take cash, credit card or provide an ATM. The proposed change requires all three methods of payment, at the sole discretion of the vehicle owner. If you have an ATM you must now take credit cards and pay 3% of the charge amount as a fee. If you take credit cards, you must now buy or lease an ATM machine. This bill seeks to increase the operators expenses without then providing for a justified increase in rates. The bill also fails to provide any relief when a consumer objects to the charge and the card company withdraws the funds from the tow operators account. It then takes 30 - 45 days to negotiate and argue for payment for services already rendered.

For the above reasons Oahu objects to the above bill and respectfully requests that this bill be held.

The Senate
The Twenty-First Legislature
Regular Session of 2002
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Matt Matsunaga, Vice Chair

Re: **Testimony for HB 2030, HD 1, SD 1 (SSCR 2906)**
Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.
Hearing Place: Conf. Rm. 016, State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.

Dear Mr. Chair, Vice Chair and the members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to present testimony opposing HB 2030, HD 1, SD 1, Relating to Towing.

My name is ISAAC KEAHI SMITH, I am an attorney, I was an organizer and formerly counsel for the Hawaii Towing Association, I have been representing tow related businesses for over ten years and I presently represent the following tow operators, who all oppose HB 2030, HD 1, SD 1, Relating to Towing:

Oahu Auto Service, Inc., Kuni Towing and Service, Inc.
Abe's Auto Recycler's, Nakada's Towing
Mike Kitagawa's Chevron (Maui)

We object to the above bill for the following reasons.

I. **NOTIFICATION OF LEGAL AND REGISTERED OWNER WITHIN 24 HRS.**

In Honolulu, at present, the procedure to obtain the legal and registered owner of a vehicle is to fax a request to the city Department of Finance, Division of Motor Vehicle and Licensing. The response time on the request is typically 5 -7 days. The response time for the same request in the County of Maui is more like 10 - 14 days. It is presently not possible for a tow operator to notify legal and registered owners within a 24 hr. period unless HPD or the Motor Vehicle Division authorizes shared use of their computers and data base. In past meetings about the registered owner information, the city has been very protective of their data base and unwilling allow the shared use thereof.

For businesses such as Oahu Auto Service, Abe's Auto Recycler's and Ace Towing, each company may tow between 10 - 35 cars each, per day. The time, effort, paperwork and additional

expense to gather such information on a short 24 hr. turnaround is impossible to meet even if the city could get the information, which they cannot. Moreover, because of the added work to provide timely notice, the tow operators will be back to this body next year requesting the justified increase in tow rates based upon the added statutory requirements.

II PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

HB 2030, HD 1, SD 1, as amended, authorizes the payment of a tow fee by cash, credit card and automated teller machine. The bill states that, "...the towing company SHALL maintain all equipment necessary to accommodate any payment method authorized under this subsection..." (Emphasis added). The bill goes on to state that the method of payment shall be at the sole discretion of the person whose motor vehicle is being towed.

The legislature is now requiring each and every tow operator who does Non-consensual, trespass tows, not only to accept credit cards, but also to lease or purchase an ATM machine, merely for the benefit of the consumer, without regard to costs and the fact that next year again, the tow operators will request that the rates again be raised to accommodate the statutory requirement of the present change. The requirement of both credit card and ATM is overkill and obligates a business owner to another 3% of increased expense, which ultimately will need to be passed on to the consumer. This effort to accommodate the consumer does not come without costs.

It is clear that the bill is not intended to assist the tow operator, who is a small business owner trying to make a living. Instead the bill attempts to accommodate and reward a driver who by the very nature of the tow, has violated a parking ordinance, who has unlawfully parked in an unauthorized area and who has refused, failed or neglected to move the vehicle in a timely manner, thus forcing a private trespass tow or a tow requiring a citation from HPD. Is it this person that the proposed change benefits.

Under most circumstances, in an open market system, consumers are free to choose to purchase or not purchase goods and services, and the method of payment typically is up to the consumer. In the case of NON-CONSENSUAL tows, however, (trespass tows, tow zone, fire hydrant, blocking driveway, blocking bus stop, accidents etc.) the party whose vehicle has been towed, committed a traffic or parking infraction for which HPD and/or the private parking management is having it towed. This is far from an open system, and the owner or driver often disagrees with HPD or the parking management on the reason for the tow, and very often expresses this anger or frustration when picking up the vehicle.

The end result is often an irate consumer who may call the credit card company and object to the charge. The credit card company will automatically withdraw the funds from the vendor's account and begin a 30 to 45 day inquiry to straighten the situation out. Even if the tow company does get payment, it will be a month or more and only after protracted efforts. If two or three individuals decide to object to charges per day, the tow company would essentially be stymied in its operations, spending more time, just trying to get paid for work already performed.

The towing industry opposes SB 2030 HD 1, SD 1 and respectfully requests that this

legislation be held.

If there are any questions, I will be happy to try to answer them.

Sincerely,

Isaac Keahi Smith

February 5, 2002

The Senate
The Twenty-First Legislature
Regular Session of 2002

Committee on Transportation, Military Affairs
Senator Cal Kawamoto, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Re: **Testimony for SB 2334**
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at 1:00 a.m.
Hearing Place: Conf. Rm. 229, State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.

Dear Mr. Chair, Vice Chair and the members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to present testimony supporting SB 2334.

My name is Brian Kunishige, and I am the President of Oahu Auto Service, Inc., (OAS). OAS is a full service towing and recovery operation, and is the city tow contractor for the Zones which include all areas from Alakea Street to Makapuu. For the last nearly ten years, OAS has operated in the downtown area, since the majority of our business and tows originate in town. As you may imagine, the rents and insurance for any large, properly zoned property in the downtown area are extremely expensive. Our storage lot is located at 1141 Waimanu Street, on the Nauru Tower property, one block Ewa of Ala Moana Center.

SB 2334 proposes to increase the storage rates from \$15 to \$25 for the first 7 days and from \$10 to \$20 per day thereafter. Storage rates are used by business like ours primary to off-set the high costs of rents and insurance for Hawaii properties. Our company's storage lot is approximately 30,000 sq.ft., and our offices are portable trailers to keep our costs down. Despite the meager facilities, and our continuing efforts to trim expenses, the average cost for a vacant lot, if you can find one is approximately \$0.75 per sq.ft. Rent, insurance and other of the expenses to operate our business are never fixed and seem always to inch up.

OAS supports SB 2334 and respectfully requests this legislation be passed.

Sincerely,

Brian S. Kunishige
President

February 1, 2002

House of Representatives
The Twenty-First Legislature
Regular Session of 2002

Committee on Transportation
Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Rep. Willie C. Espero, Vice Chair

Re: **Testimony for HB 2030**

Hearing Date: Monday, February 4, 2002 at 9:15 a.m.

Hearing Place: Conf. Rm. 309, State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.

Dear Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and the members of the Committee on Transportation:

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to present testimony supporting HB 2030.

My name is Brian Kunishige, and I am the President of Oahu Auto Service, Inc., (OAS). OAS is a full service towing and recovery operation, and is the city tow contractor for the Zones which include all areas from Alakea Street to Makapuu. For the last nearly ten years, OAS has operated in the downtown area, since the majority of our business and tows originate in town. As you may imagine, the rents and insurance for any large, properly zoned property in the downtown area are extremely expensive. Our storage lot is located at 1141 Waimanu Street, on the Nauru Tower property, one block Ewa of Ala Moana Center.

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OAS supports HB 2030 and respectfully requests this legislation be passed.

Brian Kunishige

Sincerely,

Brian S. Kunishige
President

February 5, 2002

The Senate
The Twenty-First Legislature
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Committee on Transportation, Military Affairs
Senator Cal Kawamoto, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Re: **Testimony for SB 2162**
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at 1:00 a.m.
Hearing Place: Conf. Rm. 229, State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.

Dear Mr. Chair, Vice Chair and the members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to present testimony opposing SB 2162.

My name is Brian Kunishige, and I am the President of Oahu Auto Service, Inc., (OAS). OAS is a full service towing and recovery operation, and is the city tow contractor for the Zones which include all areas from Alakea Street to Makapuu.

We have reviewed SB 2162 which would allow the owner of a towed vehicle, to select the method of payment for the towed vehicle. Under most circumstances, in an open system, consumers are free to choose to purchase or not purchase goods and services, and the method of payment typically is up to the consumer. In the case of NON-CONSENSUAL tows, however, (tow zone, fire hydrant, blocking driveway, blocking bus stop, accidents etc.) the party whose vehicle has been towed, committed a traffic or parking infraction for which HPD cited the car and is having it towed. This is far from an open system, and the owner or driver often disagrees with HPD on the reason for the tow, and very often expresses this anger or frustration when picking up the vehicle.

The end result is often an irate consumer who may call the credit card company and object to the charge. The credit card company will automatically withdraw the funds from the vendor's account and begin a 30 to 45 day inquiry to straighten the situation out. Even if the tow company does get payment, it will be a month or more and only after protracted efforts. If two or three individuals decide to object to charges per day, the tow company would essentially be stymied in its operations, spending more time, just trying to get paid for work already performed.

OAS opposes SB 2162 and respectfully requests that this legislation be held.

Thank you for romthe and , canceling the inservibuy or not the method of payment should be up the customer, most of the tows that our company undering For the last nearly ten years, OAS has operated in the downtown area, since the majority of our business and tows originate in town. As you may imagine, the rents and insurance for any large, properly zoned property in the downtown area are extremely expensive. Our storage lot is located at 1141 Waimanu Street, on the Nauru Tower property, one block Ewa of Ala Moana Center.

HB 2030 proposes to increase the storage rates from \$15 to \$25 for the first 7 days and from \$10 to \$20 per day thereafter. Storage rates are used by business like ours primary to off-set the high costs of rents and insurance for Hawaii properties. Our company's storage lot is approximately 30,000 sq.ft., and our offices are portable trailers to keep our costs down. Despite the meager facilities, and our continuing efforts to trim expenses, the average cost for a vacant lot, if you can find one is approximately \$0.75 per sq.ft. Rent, insurance and other of the expenses to operate our business are never fixed and seem always to inch up.

OAS supports HB 2030 and respectfully requests this legislation be passed.

Brian Kunishige

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OAS supports SB 2334 and respectfully requests this legislation be passed.

Sincerely,

Brian S. Kunishige
President

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OAS supports HB 2030 and respectfully requests this legislation be passed.

Brian Kunishige

Sincerely,

Brian S. Kunishige
President

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HB-65-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynda Miyashita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:23:56 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Ishikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rochele Guthrie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/26/2019 8:09:52 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/27/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan Wakayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherrie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Perry T Murata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm in support of this HB 65 because it been to long since abandoned vechile towing businesses have had an increase of funds it to the removable company time to get an increase of funds to own and operate so their company can continue operating everything else gone up.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Kiakona	Windwardside Recovery & Towing	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Charles Kiakona from Windwardside Recovery & Towing llc. I support HB65.