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January 29, 2020
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

**S.B. 213
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES**

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **supports** this bill to eliminate the reconstructed vehicle inspection program on Oahu.

The purpose of the program is to ensure that modifications to motor vehicles do not result in a significant degradation of safety. However, the people who inspect the vehicles are not engineers and often lack the expertise necessary to make an accurate judgement of the quality of work that was done on the modifications. To accommodate for this weakness, the inspectors rely on a 19-134-22, Hawaii Administrative Rules, which requires the vehicle owner to obtain approval of the design plans by a registered professional engineer. This is a difficult requirement, because the vehicle owners typically do not have a design plan, and they come to the recon station after the work is finished. Finding an engineer that will accept responsibility for the plans and the work at this point is nearly impossible.

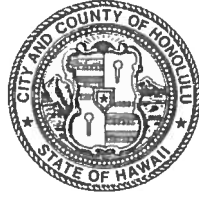
Crash data that is available do not indicate that reconstructed vehicles are a safety problem on Hawaii roads. Until such time that it can be shown that they are a problem, motor vehicle enthusiasts would welcome the discontinuance of the program.

The reconstructed vehicle inspection program is not required on the Neighbor Islands. In those Counties reconstructed vehicle owners simply need to pass the periodic motor vehicle inspection program to register their vehicles. We suggest that this system should work on Oahu as well as it does on the Neighbor Islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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January 29, 2020

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 213, Relating to Motor Vehicles

I am Calvin Tong, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes Senate Bill No. 213, Relating to Motor Vehicles.

The passage of this bill would allow dangerous modifications to the safety equipment of vehicles without safety oversight. Some of these modifications include the installation of large wheels with no mud flaps (causing rocks and debris to be kicked up on the roadway) and the installation of modified racing equipment, which reduces the visibility of drivers.

The HPD urges you to oppose Senate Bill No. 213, Relating to Motor Vehicles, and we appreciate the committee's consideration of these concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

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Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Calvin Tong". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Calvin Tong, Major
Traffic Division

TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL ONOFRIETTI

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

Wednesday, January 29, 2020
1:00 p.m.

SB 213

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee on Transportation, my name is Michael Onofrietti, ACAS, MAAA, CPCU, Senior Vice President, Actuarial Services, Product Development & Management for Island Insurance and Chairman of the Auto Policy committee for Hawaii Insurers Council. The Hawaii Insurers Council is a non-profit trade association of property and casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in Hawaii. Member companies underwrite approximately forty percent of all property and casualty insurance premiums in the state.

Hawaii Insurers Council **opposes** this bill. By repealing the definition of “reconstructed vehicle” and requirements for inspection and approval of a reconstructed vehicle, we believe the safety of the vehicle may be in question and may be unbeknownst to a purchaser of a reconstructed vehicle. Although the “recon” law only applies to Oahu, there are by far the most vehicles on Oahu and its repeal could exponentially increase the number of reconstructed vehicles on the road.

If the bill were to pass, changes could be made to a vehicle which could make it no longer comply with Federal Department of Transportation standards regarding vehicle safety. If the “reconstructed vehicle” definition is repealed, modifications to the vehicle’s body, power train, steering system, suspension system, exhaust system, intake system, or bumper system may be made, which are extremely broad. These less-safe vehicles would then be legal and on the road increasing the likelihood of injury to their occupants

or others in the event of a motor vehicle crash. If these vehicles are sold, buyers may not know they are now less-safe.

We ask that this bill be held. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 7:46:54 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james lockard	Testifying for Serenity landscaping llc	Support	No

Comments:

I James support this matter, I have had specialized vehicles my whole life not just for my business but also for leisure, they have never failed me anymore then a normal vehicle would. I believe we should be allowed to customize our own vehicles Without having to deal with reconstruction permits, we are the only island with this law. I have personally not seen any issues involving customized vehicles causing more traffic fatalities or issues on the roads , this is simply a stint for the state to make more money off of the common interests the local people of Oahu share.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 10:41:27 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua Costa	Testifying for Autobody and paint	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is no need for an reconstruction permit to me a safety inspection more than enough!!!

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 7:57:49 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jean carlos rodriguez	Testifying for Drag Tech Racing & Ducati Owners Club of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern. Recon is not effective most will get recon and revert back to original modifications, therefore making the whole process a cash cow with no real benefits to anyone. Remove until there is a better solid alternative.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 3:48:22 PM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bobby jay Gouveia	Testifying for 808 street rods	Support	No

Comments:

Hi everyone my name is Bobby Gouveia and I support SB213 for the reason that there should be one place to have your vehicle inspected and that's through your safety station in your area of residence our safety check station are doing the exact same thing as the recon station the only thing is there in your area of residence so we don't have to go to town to add to the bad traffic that already exists and most people work on the only times that the recon stations are open our safety check stations are more then capable of handling both sides they are certified ase mechanics as for your recon station workers no one are certified ase mechanics so it is only right that we have our resident safety check stations do this inspection properly.thank you all for your time Happy Aloha Wednesday ðŸ™™

Bobby J Gouveia

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 12:59:17 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainalu Froiseth	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Growing up on the westside the life i live the beach and the mountain 4x4 truck are necessary fishing hunting, to help move fallen trees get tourist vehicles unstuck even helping during natural disasters theres people that make use look bad by truck cruizes burning rubber or illegal offroading but dont take it out on use people thats its our lifestyle please get rid of this recon

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 8:03:18 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Braydan	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 10:44:56 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Almoguera	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I believe that recon is not necessary, other Hawaiian islands don't require it, and the people conducting the recon inspection are not well trained or verse on vehicle modifications criteria. Some of the rules they apply is subjective and based on their outdated opinion of how vehicles are modified. For example: They require you to tie down your battery with a strap, even though the vehicle has its own factory approved battery tie down system that all modern vehicles utilize. It doesn't make sense, they are inspecting items on vehicles that comes standard from the factory, failing vehicles because it doesn't meet their criteria, and are all vehicles not complying with DOT prior to having it reconed? If so then all vehicles in Oahu should be required to have a recon done on their vehicles.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 2:04:39 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aaron Rideout	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Honolulu is the only county in the entire 50 states requiring a secondary inspection.

Reconstruction Rules are antiquated and do not make the roads safer.

The latest revision of the rules was written in July 11, 1986, almost 34 years ago. In the 80's there were fewer performance aftermarket companies manufacturing parts/kits for vehicles. Modern aftermarket suspensions are designed on computers offer better fitment and safety. According to 2015 NHTSA crash statistics only 2% of accidents are caused my mechanical failures. 94% are caused by driver error. There is no significant data that shows mandatory auto inspections are making the road any safer.

Requirements for Reconstruction Inspectors are far lower than the requirements for a safety check station.

HAR 19-134-12 Recon Inspector Requirements

(1) Be a high school graduate or have an equivalent education level certificate:

(2) Have at least one year of employment experience in automotive repair or a related technical field (one year of experience in vehicle safety inspection activities or the supervision of vehicle safety inspection activities, may be substituted for this requirement):

HAR 19-142-11 Safety Inspector Certification

(9) Applicant's Technical licenses

HAR 19-142-12

(5) Each applicant shall have 1 year of training in auto mechanics or 2 years of work experience.

(6) complete a performance examination

Safety check stations have licensed mechanics that have ASE certifications. This requires formal education, many hours of on the job experience. ASE certification require multiple testing on different aspects of automotive fields like brakes, suspension and steering, They are also required to renew their certifications every 5 years. The amount of skill and professional experience of a safety check inspector far exceeds the technical knowledge of Reconstruction Inspector. It is redundant to require a secondary inspection by a less qualified person and could open up the state to unwanted liability.

The Reconstruction Office is unable to service public adequately.

According to HAR 19-134-16 Hours of operation. (a) county reconstructed vehicle inspectors and facilities shall be made available on a regularly scheduled basis and for such periods of time as may be necessary to insure that all reconstructed vehicles are inspected in an efficient and expeditious manner. (b) Reconstructed vehicle inspection stations designated by the county department shall have at least one appointed reconstructed vehicle inspector available to conduct inspections for a total of at least four hours during the period from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 pm, five days a week, except designated holidays.

Current Hours 12-3pm only 3 hours a day which is non-compliance of procedural rules. The reduced hours are not providing adequate services to the public. They are not providing reasonable times for inspection. Willam Chang, the manger at Motor vehicle control told me the change in hours was due to a staff shortage. I have been there when vehicles are backed up to the entrance of the parking lot, preventing people from entering. Wait times are increased and there is only a 3 hour window for inspection.

Income revenue does not justify staff salaries

Cost of Recon Inspection is \$15

To my knowledge, there are 3 full-time staff members and 3-5 trainees inspecting vehicles. I spoke with William Chang as asked how many vehicles were processed in an average day. He told me 30-50 cars. The cost of reconstruction is \$15. That gives a range of

\$450-\$750 per day

\$9000 - 15,000 per month

\$108,000 - \$180,000 per year

The average office manager makes about \$50,000 a year. Given that information, I suspect the state is losing money on the reconstruction program. I urge the lawmakers to look into the expenses of the department to see if what the actual costs are. I think that they will find that it is fiscally irresponsible and costing the taxpayers money. I would also urge the lawmakers to talk to the William Chang at Motor Vehicle Control and get input from the employees that actually work there and run the program.

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Submitted on: 1/25/2020 9:23:43 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jonathan weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the eliminating the secondary inspection required for modified vehicles. Reconstruction permits are unnecessary. The hours of operation if the facility has been cut so much, the state is losing money with the amount of customers it can accomodate.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/25/2020 6:28:19 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kekoa Graham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

as a lifetime Hawai'i resident (born on Oahu, raised on Hawai'i island) I have also been interested in automobile hobbies and the car culture here since I was able to drive. It always kept me out of trouble and motivated me to work hard.

my biggest problem with this as a hobby has always been the inconsistency across the state when it came to rule enforcement and vehicle inspection, with Reconstruction being an Oahu only requirement. Reconstruction permitting has been really hit or miss over the years, mainly reliant on the particular mood of the inspector on the day of a planned inspection.

with the new, more stringent, networked Safety Check system currently applied statewide, it just makes plain sense to eliminate the redundant and bureaucratic Reconstruction permitting so all is legal car enthusiasts can participate in our sport and enjoy the car community that we are all a part of.

Mahalo for taking the time to read this.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/25/2020 9:36:13 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brice Hiranaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 5:45:40 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin McClain	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Good morning. The Reconstruction Inspection is a process which doesn't directly have a positive impact on the vehicles in Hawaii's roads. The inspectors tend to be unfamiliar with automotive modifications. They tend to not know what he methods in which these vehicles are modified. For some vehicles, they feel as if the modifications reduce the safety for the operator and other drivers on the road. While this may be true for some. It is not true for all. Myself and many other enthusiast know we have drastically improved the safety factor of our vehicles. Thank you for conducting a hearing for this issue. I look forward to seeing the end result.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:26:44 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Kumalae	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Repeal special reconstruction requirement for Honolulu county. Regular safety inspection meets same requirements to verify vehicles are safe to operate.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 8:13:25 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Laguana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony

Aloha, I am choosing to testify in support of SB213 as an enthusiast of the automotive community. There are a few reasons why I am submitting testimony. The first reason is quite possibly the most important, safety, as it should NEVER be compromised. Modifications that fall under recon would only benefit a safety factor by allowing people to install parts that are engineered to perform better (e.g., suspension, breaks, etc.). Manufacturers do not put out products that create unsafe vehicles or roads, but rather enhance driving conditions. The second reason I am testifying is in regards to the knowledge level of the inspectors. With no disrespect to them, as they are just doing their job, what qualifies the inspectors to pass/fail a vehicle? In my experience in obtaining recon, the inspectors are not vehicle engineers and are not qualified to inspect reconstructed vehicles.

Lastly, the people in this community are those who pay quality attention to their vehicles and keep their vehicles up to standard. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony in support of SB213.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:05:46 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Zachary Fossum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB213. As an active duty military member and owner of a modified vehicle I do not think the reconstruction law is just. When I brought my vehicle in for inspection, an inspector walked around my vehicle and told me I need to make corrections or fix a couple things. At no time did the inspector have a checklist or list of things he was inspecting. The items were already with in the state law and reconstruction requirements. The inspector stated he did not like it and proceeded to fail me because of it.

I have talked to many people about the reconstruction inspection process. All of them have different stories on how one thing will pass but another will not pass. Many people suggest you have to have good luck and get the right inspector to pass. In discussions with the same people, no one has ever seen a checklist or a document the inspector uses to inspect the vehicles.

No other state that I have lived in has a reconstruction process. I believe this process is flawed and not needed and that is why I support SB213

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:52:54 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Seth Best	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Everyone knows recon is archaic and outdated. Recon inspections are just a money grab on the citizens of Hawaii, and should be included with the safety inspection. Anyone who modifies their vehicle still has to get a safety inspection, and I believe that is more fair than requiring two seperate inspections. You could even slightly increase the cost of safetys and Id be more willing to back that than keeping recon. The citizens have been asking for this forever! Repeal recon inspections!

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:55:22 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard	Testifying for tax paying citizen	Support	No

Comments:

I support the repeal of SB 213. As a tax payer and owner/operator of vehicles in Oahu. We are mandated to do a yearly safety inspection regardless or not we have modified vehicles. Also reconstruction is only required on Oahu. No other county. As far as law enforcement in regards to vehicles, laws and county ordinance are already in place for rules such as mud flaps excessive noise (loud mufflers) and such. Is there any type of statistics that prove more accidents or any type of incidents happen more often with vehicles that are modified then not. Also reconstruction rules per inspectors vary depending on year make and model. For example vehicles after a certain year Have different standards then others. Do they drive on special roads that only they can? The people should not be required to obtain reconstruction this law should be repealed.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 10:18:37 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
dorian verdugo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The removal of recon would overall help the modified car scene as it allows people to express individualism and creativity without the rules and guidelines of Recon. As well as it is only oahu that has this law it is unfair to oahu residents.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 11:24:56 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jason timm	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill SB213. Reconstruction permit is a pointless process. Every vehicle that is modified is much safer than most cars on the road due to the nature of the builder. People take pride in the vehicles they modify and it's much safer than most of the old rickety, rusty dangerous cars that pass safety check with no problem. Reconstruction officers don't have any clue what they are looking at. They are completely incompetent at discerning what is right and wrong with a modified vehicle.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 11:38:53 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elijah Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the repeal of the reconstructed (recon) vehicle inspection and laws. Recon is redundant. The periodic motor vehicle inspection (PMVI) are the same thing. Recon targets motor vehicle enthusiasts that adjust the suspension of their personal vehicles but only applies to the City and County of Honolulu, which is not consistent throughout the State. Recon is a waste of resources (time, labor, and facility operations). Recon is also not a requirement throughout the United States. Please repeal this waste of resources when State of Hawaii can reduce vehicle registration costs or lower other taxes that are imposed to law abiding citizens.

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DePaul Telles	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am an automotive enthusiast who is in support of NOT, I repeat, NOT having the drivers of The City and County of Honolulu go through the process of a RECON inspection to obtain a RECON permit.

First of all, drivers in other countys on the other Hawaiian islands aside from Oahu do NOT have to be subjected to the sometimes gruling process of securing an inspection appointment as well as having to endure inspectors who DO NOT have the full and appropriate knowledge of the current laws and proper procedures regarding passing inspections for a RECON permit.

Secondly, many enthusiast who seek out RECON permits have encountered unprofessional conversations, comments and straight up decisions based on the current mood of inspector(s). That is not only unprofessional, but it is unjust and unfair. It is that exact type of representation that our great city of Honolulu do not need for our city as well as our state of Hawaii.

Thirdly, the safety inspection process done by safety inspectors across the island of Oahu currently uphold the requirements that is needed for a RECON permit; bumper height, tire coverage and headlight height are all part of a safely inspection. Safety inspection stations on the other Hawaiian islands haven't reported any issues conducting safety inspections on modified vehicles, and that is a great thing. The other islands save on money, resources and time for everyone, including our HPD. One less thing our HPD would have to handle during traffic stops or road blocks.

My support for NOT, I repeat NOT continuing to having the drivers/enthusiasts of The City and County of Honolulu obtain a RECON permit to operate their modified vehicles on our island of Oahu stands. I thank you for your time.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 11:46:49 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Casey Otsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the repeal of bill SB213. I don't believe it is a needed law, and if we do need to go through a reconstruction inspection to insure the safety of our vehicles for the road why do we need to go through the yearly safety inspection if we already have proved our vehicle is safe for the road through the reconstruction inspection?

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 11:50:26 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dalvin Capundag	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derrick Woertman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 12:51:29 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ray Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I think the recon inspection should be taken away because it makes owners of lifted and safe vehicles jump through a lot of hoops to just get their vehicle on the road. Hawaii is the only state that has this problem. Life on Oahu would be so much easier if everyone didn't worry about the very tedious recon inspection. The regular safety inspection is thorough but the recon is very nit picky.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 1:17:26 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Strutner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I wish to get rid of the reconstruction permit in oahu

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 1:26:12 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Templo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Car culture is everything to the people young and old. Some of us look forward to events like Hawaii By Night, SPOCOM, etc. but are worried about being limited to certain things e can and cant do. This is a part of us that expresses who we are and we feel we cant do that without being penalized. This is discrimination in a sense of people who modify their cars in ways that make them happy and to express who they are get affected with fines and unnecessary expenditures.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 1:55:20 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Angelo Cagaoan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recon permits should be repealed, it's useless. Oahu is the ONLY island in the state of Hawaii that requires to get a recon permit for vehicles owners that have modifications on their vehicle. It is not fair for only Oahu residents to deal with this waste of a inspection. If the other neighbor islands don't have this, Oahu shouldn't have it either. The vehicle owner/ installer who have any modifications done to theirs or others cars/trucks have way more knowledge to know if what they added is safe or not. Inspectors are just going by the book and most of the things that are required to pass doesn't cause dangers to owner/others on the roadways. Overall, recon permit should not be necessary here in Hawaii

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 2:06:42 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
gabriel badua	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Most states don't have recon, so its unnecessary. Along with the hours of the recon office makes it extremely difficult to get it. From 12:00 to 3:00 pm they are open. Only three hours to try and get recon. Another reason I am against recon is because in the U.S, there are countless vehicles that are built crazier, yet they don't need recon in other states? Other states are doing completely fine without recon. So why do we need it? I guess maybe it's supposed to be for safety. However most people who actually modify their vehicle do an extremely good job , I mean why wouldn't they ?They buy a part for over thousands of dollars and most time when they build a truck it develops sentimental value to the owner so there's no reason as to why they would want to build their vehicle in a dangerous manner. Recon is extremely unnecessary.

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I think the reconstruction requirement is a redundant waste of taxpayers money. It also creates a hardship for those who modify their vehicles within the parameters of the law. Their hours are 12-3 on weekdays, a small window that most people are working at that time. They also don't make appointments, if you show up its first come first serve and no guarantee you will be seen. Everything that reconstruction checks will be checked again at safety check. It's a pointless waste of the people's time and money.

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Belaski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 3:35:30 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyril Aganon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I believe reconstruction permit should be removed from law because it creates headaches for car/truck enthusiasts including me who enjoy upfitting their vehicles to show their pride. It's definitely not fair that we are the only state in the country implenating this law while most of the states in the country have no such law of "reconstruction permit" Most of the upgrades out performs the factory specs, which I believe makes our vehicles much more safer than the average vehicle on the road today. Lastly, it doesn't make any sense why a vehicle in which has been altered can't past Hawai'i safety inspection when ultimately it still meets or exceeds the safety inspection checklists.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 4:37:10 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valentino De Ocampo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 4:38:23 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Jordan Yukio Goto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 213 to repeal the requirement for special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles prior to operation upon a public highway. The secondary reconstruction inspection is unnecessary when a safety check inspection is already in place.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 4:40:38 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Melchor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Reconstruction Permit is simply unnecessary. The safety check is already in place to make sure that vehicles are "safe", so the reconstruction inspection just makes the process longer. It doesn't help also that the reconstruction inspection station is only open for 3 hours a day only on week days. Most states do not require a reconstruction permit, and every island besides O'ahu doesnt require it either.

I believe that reconstructed vehicle's are actually safer than most, as the owner is more knowledgeable about cars than the average person, enabling them to change out parts that make the vehilce run safely before they fail.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 5:22:07 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jared Ibane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 5:25:59 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
adam nunes-ulep	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Simple believe that recon or no recon, people will still reconfigure they're vehicles as they desire. The majority of people tend to bring there vehicles to certified mechanics and places of business to get there's modifications done. Being that is the case, the vehicles are being modified correctly and in a first manner. I also feel that having the already safety check inspection is still more then enough. As long as standard vehicles function is in order (lights, blinkers,mirrors, and horn) that should be enough to know that a vehicle is safe

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 5:28:31 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
gavin kaleohano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 5:54:20 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lionel Uhlmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hi, my name is Lionel Uhlmann. I have been a resident of hawaii for 15 years and absolutely love hawaii. Its home, however I find it harder and harder every year to keep up with the rules and regulations and fees related to vehicle safety and registratiuon standards. Certainly safety is a priority, however it is my belief that most if not all products offered by professional aftermarket part manufacturers are required to meet state and federal regulations in order to sell these parts. That means they are already certified to safely add to vehicles. That means that the state of Hawaii is wasting time and tax payers money that could be better used elsewhere to "double check" aftermarket parts. I think this is a tramendous waste of time and money and just causes a headache, not to mention the constraint it puts on the police department, expecting them to deviate from actual crime to pass out tickets for what is essentially irrelevant. Please pass bill SB213 and do away with the "recon" requirements. Vehicle registration is already too expensive in this state. Thank you for taking the time.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:01:19 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Max Higa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I personally have not gone through recon before for my cars, although I will have to within the year, but whenever people I know go, it's a nightmare. Sometimes the inspectors will just fail people with anything they can find, a big problem was the intake air box in the engine bay moved a little bit but that was stock, he got denied because it could fly off and damage someone else's car or endanger others. Also does not help that there is only one place for inspection. What if I was to buy new suspension that's aftermarket because of it being used and cheaper than new stock parts? My car lowers an inch or so because of that, and now I need to go all the way to get it inspected when almost nothing has changed nor is it in anyway dangerous? I would think that safety checks are way more helpful at denying dangerous cars from being allowed to drive on the road. A smaller point to this, half the vehicles I see that I know need recon do not have it, and half the ones with recon I know do not have recon for there specific setup of the car. So it really just seems like it just wastes good people's time and doesn't punish bad people. I bet you could get her recon and take your lifted truck home and change the wheels to be way off spec and drive like you got recon for it, so I would love to see this repeal go through and have recon be taken away entirely.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:17:32 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
skyer akina	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am currently enlisted in the U.S. Army and got stationed at Fort Shafter, HI. The reconstruction permit was a major inconvenience to myself and other military personal in regards to getting my vehicle legal in the state of Hawaii. The reconstruction permit is a tedious and unnecessary part of Hawaii's vehicle registration process and should cease to continue.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:25:26 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
marie renee perbera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:32:51 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stephen bradley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

A waste of taxpayer money, safety inspection is already a fairly decent vehicle inspection a second one should be needed and is easily bypassed.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:33:14 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
michael torre	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am in support of this bill to repeal the need to require recon permits for motor vehicles. How is it that the island of Oahu is the only place in the United States that has this law? I feel that the state is taking advantage of people's hobbies and the automotive enthusiast. I would rather have people spend money of their cars than on drugs! How about the people who don't even pay their reg or safety checks? Those vehicles are in bad shape and are hazardous on the road. Atleast people who modify their car/truck are on top of it and make sure their vehicle is up to date. I feel that this law is just another way to squeeze money out of the local people. I mean every year when the registration is due it keeps going up. So we already paying the price to just have a vehicle. When most people modify their car/truck it actually makes it safer. It's upgrading the stock parts for better products and safety of the vehicle. Most laws that are made don't even affect the people who make them.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:59:29 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joshua bantolina	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 7:08:39 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eli Ponimoi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am in support of HB213 for the following reasons.

The current reconstruction permitting process is an outdated, vague and an unnecessary practice.

From an financial perspective it provides relatively no source of income for the state. It is there for, a financial burden for the people and state of Hawaii. If one to argue it's keeping Hawaii's roads safe, please ask them to provide the statistics. There is absolutely none.

The reconstruction rules were written in 1986. In 34 years the world has evolved while the residents of Oahu is burdened the financial hardship of this outdated division of DOT.

The Reconstruction division is uneducated, misinformed, ignorant and extremely bias. They have created there own set of rules and laws that cannot be found in legislation. They have made certain modification (I.e Solid axle conversion) impossible to be legalized. There is absolutely no literature in current legislation that bands this modification. The bias management of the reconstruction department has been operating in and unjust way for far to long.

I have gone through the reconstruction process personally and was disgusted by the ignorance. Upon arriving there immediately told I would not pass because of fuel cell being relocated to the bed of my truck. After exposing to the "inspector" that it was legal and within specs of the "law" he still did not believe me. I brought a copy reconstruction

rules and highlighted all applicable information that related to my vehicle. He was unwilling to look at it. He then moved on, "inspecting" the front suspension of the truck, which he described as incorrect. Although the vehicle had an solid axle conversion done, he didn't agree to the fact it was on a coil over suspension and not leaf sprung. I then asked to speak with his supervisor. The supervisor seemed more knowledgeable and passed my vehicle. A few months later, for no reason or law, the reconstruction office would not allow solid axle conversion due to the fact of " frame modification". They said the all frame modification would need to be approved by a licensed structural engineer. They could not direct me to one. And upon reaching out to different engineering firms I was unable to an engineer willing to do so. According to title 19-5-134-I-11-B under frames There is absolutely no wording of that manner. This was a unjustified complete fabricated rule.

Lifts 6" and higher on independent front suspension vehicles require a large portion of the frame to be modified for installation. But yet this frame modification rule does not affect them. I was told is was a liability to the state for them to pass a solid axle converted vehicle. This makes no sense for a multitude of responses. First the liability of the vehicle falls upon the operator. If it wasn't safety checks stations would be sued daily. Secondly what about the hundreds of vehicles that were previously allowed to pass? They can now get into an accident and sue the state? I think not. The other city and county in our state does not have these archaic rules. With logic they should have high statistics of accidents involving modified vehicles. They do not. So why as a tax payer must we pay for a department that is unneeded?

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 7:18:18 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
albert-john kaleo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 7:35:13 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Bennett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 7:53:11 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jarred Burns	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 8:17:04 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jake Hanawahine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:22:49 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

There is a bunch of people who love their vehicles and spend thousands of dollars to make their vehicle the way they want it to be. They spend all this money to find out they need a reconstruction permit that of which their vehicle can no longer pass which causes them to just have vehicles that will just sit and collect dust or even drive illegally. The reconstruction is a waste of money and a even bigger waste of time for everyone. For example they say its to make the roads safer but does it even make a difference? Does trucks with big tires hurt people? No. Does a vehicle without mudflaps cause harm to anyone? No. Does a lifted or lowered vehicle put anyone in danger? No. I believe that people with modified cars are the safest drivers because they put so much time and money into their vehicle that they would never want anything to happen to it. On top of that it's pretty ridiculous that we have to get a reconstruction permit considering no other state in the country has this. And on top of that people struggle to pass the inspection while others pass with ease just because they know someone that works there. I really think this reconstruction permit should be appealed because it isn't fair for the hard working people of Hawaii. And believe me there's thousands of others that feel the same way. Aloha.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:30:21 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alfred A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:33:18 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kauwila werner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello I am kauwila werner

I am a local fabricator and mechanic here on the island of Oahu for the last 13 years. Throughout the years I have seen so many cars and trucks go to complete waste due to the recon system. There is already a safety check process that should already check if a vehicle is safe to be on the road. We here on oahu pay an enormous amount for registration as it is and I believe if there was no recon there would be more people willing to get their vehicles legal wich entails the state making more money. The recon laws and rules have never been adjusted or altered since they were created a long time ago and a lot has changed over the years. Every other island runs perfectly fine without without recon and I think we deserve to show our abilities freely without having to worry about recon rejection. There is a lot of talent and opportunities here on Oahu but many of us fabricators are not able to use our talents. There is a bunch of bad mechanics and fabricators out there but I believe whatever is not safe will be caught in the safety check process.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:44:02 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lloyd richards	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello, my name is Sonny and I will be speaking on behalf of all car/truck enthusiasts that inherit the cultural and/or traditional practices of we as people enjoy and love to do. This reconstruction law has caused nonsense to us people, its a waste of time to go out of our work day to get an approval from people that don't even understand the safety regulations and physics of what our vehicles are capable of doing on top of that the safety that it has still with the reconstruction of our vehicles. Having a lifted vehicle or a "slammed" truck doesn't create an unsafe environment for our people it goes to show who we are and what we love doing that makes us the people we are. We shouldn't need approvals from the state to let us know that our build is safe enough to run on the road, I KNOW it'll be safe myself to run on the road because I built the vehicle. I shed and bled to get my vehicle to what I wanted it to be and what it is and what it makes of me. In a state that doesn't involve regulations like ours they sure do seem safe running over sized tires on "sky high" vehicles or "dropped" cars with big motors and stickers on top of the windshield. In the end what is it that you guys are getting out of us? Why only the state of Oahu has these laws? What are the potential threats that you guys see about reconstructed vehicles? Why is there a major threat on our vehicles when there is so much out there on this island that is affecting us all as a community? What can we do as a community to show the government that we are of no harm to the roads and regulations? How can we express our passions and our hobbies? An NFL football player puts in hard work and dedication to become who he is out on the field thats his expression of his passion and his hobby he use to have that became a life dream. Why is our situation not beneficial? Benefit the community and soon you will see what talent Hawaii has to offer that no one ever sees. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 10:06:22 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chasen sumait	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 10:17:17 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a local civilian and car enthusiast, I've noticed these Auto shops or places that do safety check are ASE licensed. However the Reconstruction office/staff, NONE are ASE licensed. That already goes to show of what knowledge and experience do these people have the right to say if our vehicle's done with modification are safe or not? Us being the only island to have Reconstruction also is a question? Aloha

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 10:43:55 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristopher amero	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 10:52:40 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Byron Chong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I 100% support abolishing reconstruction permits.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 11:55:18 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jordan Hall	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am and always have been against reconstruction permits.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 6:20:03 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse Sapp	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the repeal of reconstruction vehicle permits. There is no standard state wide. Only Oahu requires this and with the shape our roads are in I would think it's the drivers own risk to person, property and others that should constitute what they do to their vehicle. Why have a safety inspection along with a reconstruction permit where people can change their vehicle once they pass reconstruction. It's a waste of government resources as they need an officer as well as clerical staff to do the inspection. I do however support the inspection of vehicles for vin verification. There are times when they need to verify vin to make sure the vehicle is the correct titled vehicle.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 7:27:30 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Niles Kido	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 8:23:19 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 9:55:08 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chance kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I feel that there is no need for further vehicle inspection like reconstruction considering that we already have annual safety inspections. Reconstruction or "Recon" is putting the car community in a tough place where modifying your vehicle can be more of a hassle than it should be. I believe no other state and no other island in the state of Hawaii enforces recon it is exclusively on Oahu and in my eyes very it's biased because of that. The Recon station is only open 3hrs a day for appointments which also makes it very inconvenient to get a permit. I feel that there should still be measures takes with modified vehicles when it comes to safety check they should require a professional alignment to get a safety check. I am in support of bill SB213 because as someone who is an enthusiast in the car community i feel that this biased law should be repealed and we should use safety inspection to accommodate and require things like professional alignment with suspension upgrades and other things to assure that there vehicles are road worthy.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 9:56:34 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Lam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

The reconstruction requirement in addition to safety check is an unnecessary hurdle that puts the burden of regulatory compliance from the city/county onto the citizen. Police should be enforcing and knowing the laws regarding vehicle compliance and be properly trained to notice if a vehicle is unsafe.

I believe recon should be an option! Not a requirement. I would like to say though, in recent years, the recon permit process has greatly improved. I am not sure if a new HAR was promulgated or if there is new management, but it has gotten better. I think that an OPTIONAL inspection for recon would be a better option.

It also isnt fair that the HRS is setup to specifically effect Oahu. It is like saying that the neighbor islands shouldnt be held to the same standard as oahu.

Mahalo

-Justin Lam

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 10:20:36 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
shea namiki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

Reconstruction permits need to be removed because it is not a necessary requirement in correlation with an annual safety check inspection. As far as safety concerns, these guidelines followed by the "recon office" do not make sense. For example, As a part of their inspection, they require the owner to bounce their own vehicle from the front and rear which needs to travel at least 2-3" depending what the inspector that day feels necessary while not actually measuring the travel. How does that prove the vehicle is safe? I've personally dealt with many inconsistencies with this office between different employees. Some enforcing their own rules which go against what was written by Hawaii's department of transportation. Annual safety check inspections alone are sufficient because inspectors are ASE certified mechanics. They should be the only people claiming what is safe to be on the road. Thank you for your reading my input, please take my testimony into consideration for Hawaii's large group of car enthusiast.

Shea K. Namiki

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 10:50:52 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debbie Calpito	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 11:10:47 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teariâ€™i mckeague-stone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I find it unfair that every other island in Hawaii has no recon, only Oahu has Recon. It's an extra bill that I have to pay on top of all the things I have to pay for my car or truck. I don't understand how if I want to lift my truck with a 3 inch body lift that that's illegal I'm not hurting anybody I'm not bothering anybody. And if I don't pay the money to get that recon sticker I get pulled over and I have to pay more money it makes absolutely no sense I'm not hurting anybody nor obstructing anyone's view. There are big semi trucks that take up more room on the road kick up rocks at windows and obstruct the view for drivers to see in front of them. In the mainland they don't have a recon and it doesn't obstruct the drivers ability to drive. I could also start a business buying and reselling modified parts, But because there is this thing called a recon no one can have modified parts so I won't be able to ship them in to resell them. I would love to be at the hearing but I have work and will not be able to attend.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 11:22:13 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Kitchens	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair & Committee Members,

As a longtime advocate of the automotive industry and a well-traveled resident of Hawaii, I can see no need for reconstruction. Oahu is the only island out of the state that requires Recon. Hawaii is the only state out of all of the United States that has a reconstruction law. In addition, only eighteen States actually have a required safety inspection.

Reconstruction is an unnecessary charge and nuisance too our already law abiding, owners of safety checked vehicles. It makes no sense. Safety check already provides a proper vehicle inspection making Recon absolutely redundant.

I firmly support the repeal of reconstruction. It is unnecessary and antiquated and is simply not appropriate for our Island home. I ask that you support this bill wholeheartedly.

Mahalo,

Michael Kitchens

CEO - BTT, LLC

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 11:54:34 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaimanu Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the repeal of the law requiring the additional inspection and certification of cars under the title of "Reconstructed Vehicles" for the following reasons:

1) The law is often unfairly and unequally enforced by police officers in the course of their duties. Import tuners (owners who drive cars manufactured by foreign companies such as Honda, Nissan, Toyota, Subaru, etc.) are often targeted by police officers while owners of 4x4 trucks/SUV's or domestic cars are not scrutinized as heavily for the purported "violations" of Recon laws. If the law cannot be equally and fairly applied to ALL drivers, it should be removed.

2) The Recon laws are duplications of existing laws and regulations already required and enforced with annual Hawaii Safety Inspections. It would make much more sense and logic to simply amend the laws regarding Hawaii Safety Inspections to cover additional requirements currently addressed with Recon laws so that drivers do not have to go through the additional time, cost, and hassle of getting an additional certification that does little to nothing additional to ensure cars are safe for the roads.

3) Recon laws are nearly impossible to properly enforce because many drivers will make changes to their vehicles AFTER passing the Recon inspection process. This is easily witnessed with the large number of lifted 4x4's that drive on our roads with tires extending far beyond the fender well (illegal according to Recon and Safety Inspection) yet they usually have Recon stickers and Safety stickers. Many drivers will install "legal" parts on their car to pass the inspection process and then re-install the illegal parts once completed.

4) Hawaii is the ONLY state in the United States that has Recon laws in place. If there was any data supporting the use of such laws making our roads safer, more states would obviously have followed Hawaii's path and enacted such laws. When it comes to modifying vehicles and driving said modified vehicles on the road, Hawaii is nowhere near the top of states in which people perform such modifications and there is not a single study available that can demonstrate that laws such as Recon laws make any improvement to road safety.

Police officers already have a heavy burden enforcing large numbers of wasteful and bureaucratic laws and regulations that serve more to virtue signal than keep our roads

safe. Please focus the use of government and law enforcement time and money on issues that truly impact the lives of Hawaii residents and stop enacting/passing laws that serve only to make life more difficult for our residents. Repealing Recon laws will free up government resources and energy to address more important things like improving road quality, getting uninsured or unregistered drivers off the roads, and allowing police to focus on more serious charges such as vehicle theft (which is getting worse daily).

Sincerely
Kaimanu Takayama

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 12:05:59 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cyrus Francisco	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 12:15:28 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christian duquqe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 12:15:47 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fearen Pabo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

no more recon!!!

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 12:23:17 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am testifying by way of email, because first of all, I am too busy making a living here in Hawaii, I do believe in being there in person, however, my work is too involved. I am testifying in support of this bill, because I happen to think there is no need of an added inspection, by person(s) who actually don't know anything about modifications. Safety checks are done by certified mechanics, people who go to school for this, and who knows what's safe, and what's unsafe. It's a redundant process. Recon was solely built to catch thieves who would steal parts off of others' vehicles, not as a safety permission. So how did it become so obscured?

Also, many modifications that are sold, are done in a safe manner, and require very little welding, if any. They are often times installed by professional builders, by whom have been doing this for years. Since this has become so strict, there have been numerous business on Oahu that were forced to shut down, if you take this permitting system away, this will encourage businesses to open up, thus, stimulate the economy. That means more income to the state. Also, because this law is in place, I'll bet there are a lot of potential vehicles out there on the road, whom don't even apply for safety checks, and that's worse. If you take this away, this will encourage vehicles to be safety check compliant, because individual shops will have the knowledge and power to properly inspect each vehicle and say they are safe or not.

We are the ONLY state who has this law. If this law was so important to have, then why doesn't the other Hawaiian isles have this? And why not in the mainland? In the mainland, they are free to do anything they wish (Modifications), as long as they are safe, and why wouldn't a person build it safe for their own family?

With so little things here to support the economy, I would imagine adding this will be beneficial, as there will be a lot more people spending money on modifying their vehicles. You will see shops open up, and these shops would need to be ASE Certified, and they would need to apply for their licences through the Hawaii Licening Board, and they can be sure that they are ASE certified.

Please support this bill, you will see good results.

Please view this video, this is the Big Isle (I think). If they can drive this around, then why not Oahu?

Thank you for your time.

<https://youtu.be/F6tZoRiblg>

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 12:32:53 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Safety inspections are too much of a hassle and restricts us from doing what we would like to do to our own vehicles. Everywhere else I know of don't require a safety inspection, so why does hawaii need it?

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 12:46:20 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A. Mikioi Edwards	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 1:06:49 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott-Michael Waracka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha TRS Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee members,

I am submitting testimony today in support of SB213 and the removal of the reconstructed vehicle classification and requirements. I being an avid member of the car enthusiast community have had my fair share of run ins with this department. I have seen the requirements loosen and the whole purpose of Recon morphed into something that does not make a lot of sense. This process can be very frustrating as there is no consistency with the requirements that are enforced and what is written in the HRS. I feel these inspections do not increase the safety of modified vehicle as it was intended and the normal safety check program can be used if needed to inspect a modified vehicle. Oahu is the only island that has this requirements and I would really like to see any statistic that shows that modified vehicles on Oahu are safer than the outer island? I feel these requirements are a government over reach and I hope you find it appropriate to have these requirements removed.

Aloha,

Scott-Michael Waracka

A concerned Auto Enthusiast

Driftking96730@yahoo.com

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 2:02:49 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter J Long III	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this measure because it streamlines government and better allows for the function of regulations already in place. Extra stickers, inspections and the hassle of more requirements should not be necessary for the safe operation of vehicles on our roadways. The required safety inspection of all vehicles can and should be done without being required to get a special inspection sticker from one central location. Do away with this added requirement and unnecessary Recon headache.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 2:21:21 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Krystal Baba	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 3:00:46 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kory oakland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Kory Oakland and fully support the repeal of the reconstruction permit process. Besides the fact that it doesn't do what the original intent of the Bill was (to catch stolen parts being used) it also adds another redundant layer to an already complicated government system that is full of ineffective overspending. The Recon process is now a matter of making sure a car is safe to hit the streets which is what SAFETY checks are for. In fact, we need to get a safety check denial form to get Recon done then go back to the safety check station to get our Safety approved. please start streamlining government a little more and get rid of these redundant systems that are antiquated.
thank you for your time.
kory oakland.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 3:06:05 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derrick H Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to repeal reconstruction permits because they do not work.

1. Law enforcement do not bother with them
2. Added layer of bureaucracy when the state's safety check system could be used for this purpose
3. Old and antiquated recon requirements that once served its purpose decades ago but now with modernized vehicles and updated safety measures, do not match the old requirements and its purpose

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 4:02:42 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Mastronardi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of repealing the Recon law on Oahu. It serves no real purpose and is not required in any other county of the state with no apparent negative impact. This requirement is burdensome to Honolulu County residents.

Please pass SB 213

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 4:43:15 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I support the REPEAL of the reconstruction vehicle permits. There is no standard state wide. It's a broken system; when you can do the following:

1. Pay a government official to issue a recon permit without even bringing your reconstructed vehicle to the site.
2. Modify vehicles back to drivers' preference after passing reconstruction.

Only O'ahu requires this and with the condition our roads are in, I would think its' the drivers own risk to person/property and others that should constitute what they do to their vehicles. It's a total waste of government resources as this process requires an officer as well as clerical staff to execute the inspection. Both, reconstruction permits and safety permits are redundant - I support the safety permitting as this would give the state the opportunity to verify vin number matching with required paperwork.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 5:06:38 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adam Nowicki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 5:20:25 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neil Vincent Palma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Its a waste of time to get a recon to get safety check and its very inconvenient .

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 6:47:13 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Isaac Nakandakari	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recon for our vehicles is such a long process to get a safety check, theres steps needed to take before getting it and there are a lot of vehicles on this island that need it, a lot of our cars arent super modified and a danger to others on the road, this process may seem necessary but there are other island that have modified vehicles but they dont require recon before safety, for example, Maui, ive been there multiple times for work and all the locals there told me how theyre doing fine without it. It would be nice to not have to get recon.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 7:30:54 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Safety checks and recon are becoming more and more of a hassle and pointless for citizens especially every year and especially recon. I think there are 15 states that have safety checks and that means that majority of the nation is without them, we should follow that trend. I also saw that Hawaii is one of the only states with recon. These are just more hassles for drivers and getting rid of them will make the state happier

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 7:42:27 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank Daoang Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 9:48:59 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roy Nuesca	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am opposing Reconstructed Vehicle Inspection because of the unfairness it has against citizens who love modifying our vehicles in its safety boundaries. I've seen countless times illegal vehicles driving on the road, reckless and without insurance. Obviously on some sort of drugs, but get away with driving a really messed up vehicle. It would be better to have stricter laws on driving a vehicle without insurance. Preparing for recon also takes lots of time and effort on our end especially if you fail and have to go back multiple times. We are already working crazy amount of hours at work just to make ends meet because of cost of living here in Hawaii. Please consider removing Recon. Mahalo

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 9:59:27 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chayn Iseri	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 10:23:17 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aaron Pule	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recon is a waste of tax money that can be channeled to fixing roads. Yearly safety checks already inspects for unsafe vehicles. Stop wasting my tax dollars and start budgeting our money wisely. Besides with car manufacturers releasing highly modified cars like my Shelby I'm stuck in confusion every year for my safety because my Shelby is OEM from the dealer it doesn't require a recon inspection, but safety check station keep asking me to get a recon inspection, due safety inspector being unaware of what is a dealership vehicle compared to a self modified vehicle. this is a hassle for me, and a waste of my time n money. Besides majority of modified vehicles are to increase performance and safety over the original standards

will you tell a home owner you can't install hurricane brackets on a older home and add extra nails to the roof rafters because you home didn't come with that many nails and clips connecting you roof and walls, originally...? That's an example of your recon laws but for vehicles

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 10:33:18 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Kauwe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have an older toyota (1995 Toyota 4runner) that after certain reconstruction rules and laws were passed deemed my vehicle ineligible to be fit for use on the road. All work on my SUV was done by a certified shop and welder. Because I was unable to get a reconstruction permit I was not allowed to update my vehicle in 2017. Since then I have had to let it sit and not be able to drive or use it for the past 3 years! I do not believe it is fair to people like me that enjoy outdoor vehicle recreation and are being forced to sell or let rot years of hard work and money. Please reconsider the reconstruction process. I believe safety check does a good job on it's own deciding weather vehicles are proper or not. I have attached a picture of my vehicle, I do not believe it is unsafe or ridicules. Mahalo for your time

Aloha

Justin Kauwe

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 10:57:51 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian F. Funai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill.

Brian Funai

Hilo, Hawaii 96721

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 11:25:24 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 12:42:57 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
calvin kuhns	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this repeal of reconstruction vehicle permits. This is different states wide. Only the island of Oahu requires a reconstion permit. Your vehicle is your property. You should be able to be able to modify your vehicle, without having to go though and extra process to get it legalized. With the sharpe are roads are in I would think it's the drivers own risk. Why have a safety inspection and reconstruction permit when people can change their vehicles they pass reconstruction. It's a waste of government resources and a officer to do the inspection also a clerical staff. I do support vehicle vin verification. There are times they need to verify vin to make sure it's the correct titled vehicle.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 1:30:23 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The Recon rules and requirements make it impossible for car and truck enthusiasts to really enjoy their vehicles. Having the Recon law repealed will also stop HPD from targeting people for unnessacry reasons like checking your tint because it looks too dark. Recon is a head ache and should thrown out because it's a waste of our time and our money.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 11:54:59 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jose McDermott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The additional steps of special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles prior to operation upon a public highway is unnecessary. This is an additional process that is not needed since there is a safety inspection that is required. **Why is there an additional process if a vehicle passes a state required safety inspection?** The special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles office is unresponsive to majority phone calls for any questions pertaining to the process one needs to go through. **There is no valid standard and the standards are constantly changing. The taxpayer money can be invested elsewhere because the special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles is a redundant process.**

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 11:59:33 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I moved to Oahu three weeks ago and was not informed of having a reconstruction permit. I'm from the county of Kauai and we have no such thing there. I moved to oahu for school and better opportunities, I got pulled over at the airport and the officer asked if I had a reconstruction permit and oblivious of it I said "no I don't sir I just from kauai 3 weeks ago" and I got a citation . I simply was abiding the traffic laws and causing no harm to anyone in any way possible. I just believe our state can spend more time on drunk driving that giving citations for vehicles that are slightly modified. Thank you for your time and consideration!

LATE

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 1:31:18 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jason Salvador	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in support to repeal the requirement for vehicles to have a RECON inspection. It doesn't make any sense that only vehicles on the Island of Oahu are required to get this inspection done, but none of the outer Islands have this requirement. The RECON inspection is just an unnecessary added cost to the people on Oahu that are already burdened with a hefty annual vehicle registration cost. The benefit to this repeal would be to save man hours used for this inspection/certification, and those personnel could be redirected to better help out any other offices that may be experiencing manpower shortages. Once again, none of the outer Islands have the requirement for this inspection/certification, so it would only be fair to the people of Oahu to not have to abide by this current requirement.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 3:01:58 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Janik	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is common sense. Keep the roadways safe.

Richard J Janik

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 3:16:31 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
WILLIAM WINCHESTER	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am support of SB213 the removal of reconstructed certification because the other islands do not require this certification. If this certification is not required more vehicle will be registering for use and more taxes will be paid in this process. I positively support this bill SB213

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 3:59:58 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
connor shirokane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recon is a very unnecessary part of modifying vehicles, we are one of the few states that require something this strict just to modify a car. Even the other states that do have this it isn't as strict. I've went through this process of getting recon and it's not a fun process to just get your car on the road when it's modified. Instead of having it where you need this extra step to get safety (recon) it would be better just for safety check to see if the parts you installed were done correctly and safely.

thank you.

LATE

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 3:51:52 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
brandon j	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

WHOPEJR@hawaii.rr.com

Hello, I support SB213, Thank you ,William W Hope Jr.



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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 4:40:09 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tsz Yin Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to urge your support on SB213.

Oahu is the only place in the whole US require a special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles prior to operation upon a public highway. Which create unnecessary burden for car enthusiasts. There are no other states requires a special inspection of modifying ride height and the method to measure safety is a joke under the current system of bounce check. A lot of the aftermarket parts were high quality and DOT approved and Oahu will not even let driver to use them to make their vehicle safer. Also, the bounce test is a joke because a lot of newer performance cars will never able to pass this test even in their bone stock form. Hawaii have a large market for aftermarket parts vendors and if we can repeal Recon, we can direct limited resources to more needed area such as fixing our road!!!!

Please repeal Recon !!!

LATE

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 4:56:51 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Recon has been a way for the state to limit what we want to do to OUR cars/trucks we deserve to be able to do what ever we want to them, people spend a lot of time and money on their cars/trucks to make how they want but then to find out that they can't drive on the road. To me personally I believe the mods we add to our vehicles are stronger than what comes from the factory, we spend a lot of money to make sure our vehicles are capable of handling daily driving and abuse, we make sure the are safe, safety is number 1 in the things we do.

LATE

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 7:58:16 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
robert s pry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This such a hardship on my family. I bought a Jeep on the mainland and then went to recon. they told me it would take at least a year to get approved because I needed a stamped engineer to review my application and the DOT had to review it.

really! This is my daily driver and such a hardship taking my kids to school and all other activities I do with the family. The city is missing out on revenue.

aloha,

Bobby

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Submitted on: 1/29/2020 8:11:05 AM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Henry Faivre	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose to this bill being passed.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 7:03:47 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 P

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Manera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 9:21:24 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the removal of the Reconstruction inspections from State law. The inspections are unnecessary, redundant, and the inspectors are biased towards different individuals. Also, safety check inspectors are more up to date with common modifications to vehicles and are better suited to deem a vehicle safe to drive on the roads.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 9:55:07 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

Recon should be done away with because there is no proven study that shows recon makes our roads safer. The officials that do the recon inspections do not specialize in such things as welding, fabricating, or have high knowledge in mechanical skills. My vehicle is considered illegal and unsafe to drive on the road because of the lift I installed that required cutting and welding to the frame. I would consider my vehicle safer than 90% of the other vehicles on our roads. I check every single bolt, nut, bracket, bearing, brake line, and every other important piece of equipment on my vehicle. I do this at least once a month to ensure my vehicle will get me where I need to go and home safely.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 10:05:53 PM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00

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

Comments:

I feel recon should be removed from our safety inspection system. It such a hassle for us car/ truck enthusiasts to get our vehicles street legal. It is really frustrating when you have someone that has little to no knowledge on modifying vehicles tell you that your car/truck is unsafe to drive on the road. I feel recon is unnecessary because right after a recon inspection is completed, you need to do a secondary safety inspection which goes over the same things that recon requires. My ultimate solution would be - completely do away with recon, keep safety inspections \$25 for stock vehicles & \$40 for modified vehicles.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 10:26:35 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Position	Present at Hearing
Ken	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Getting the reconstruction permit is a pain for everyone who needs it. They are only open for 3 hours a day, making it very difficult for people who work to actually come down and get the permit. Not to mention, most times we have to wait in line. Trying to get through as many people as they can, the inspection is not fair for everyone, and it is difficult / rarely enforced. Reconstruction permits originated in the 1970's so car enthusiasts could claim what modifications / aftermarket parts they had on their cars, in case the car got stolen. It was a way to claim a fair amount from insurance companies, but that system has turned into what we have today, where it is just another way to prevent car from enjoying their hobby. Not to mention, Honolulu County is the only county in the State that requires it. The other counties seem fine without it, therefore Honolulu will be as well. Getting rid of the recon requirement would save inspectors, police officers, and car enthusiasts time and money, and it would be one less thing restricting car enthusiasts from enjoying their hobby in a State where there is no place to legally enjoy our hobby. I strongly support the repealing of the recon permit, and therefore strongly support SB213.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 10:29:58 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 10:31:09 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nico Galicia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Since Hawai'i in general has such a huge love reconstructing vehicle's I believe it should be modified. There is such a huge community when it comes to taking care of their vehicle. By having to deal with stressful recon puts a damper in our community. Also, with other states not having this requirement, it's easy to analyze that the vehicle recon could be done with without

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 10:32:07 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joe hipolito	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 10:33:44 PM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allen Sterling	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please do away with the required "Recon" requirement of motor vehicles. If the state must have use of a "Recon Department" have them only be used for inspection of VIN numbers of cars, trucks, and trailers for suspected discrepancies of stolen vehicles or for registering homebuilt trailers.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 10:40:58 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dustin Iuli	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of SB213 to eliminate the need of a secondary vehicle inspection(reconstruction inspection) the process of getting your vehicle road legal is a hassle when modifying you vehicle. The fact that you have to pass a safety check inspection which still fails you for not having a recon inspection then go to the reconstruction inspection center pass the secondary inspection and go back to your safety check station just to get all nessacery documents to be road legal in ridiculous to say the least. A secondary inspection is something that is not required in most other states and from my understand other county's in the state of Hawaii. Another note to add is that realistically ALL vehicle inspections required by the state/city only proves that your car meet all necessary requirements to be operational on public roadways on the day of inspection and until you're due for another inspection you car could not be up to standard for safe operation on public roadways.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 11:44:30 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cody Kawashima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 11:52:53 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradley Agcaoili	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Repealing recon gives freedom to drivers on how they want their car to look and expresses their personality through their vehicle.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2020 12:00:51 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaleihaaheo Kauwe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2020 12:43:01 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Position	Present at Hearing
Likolehua Manuel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the bill SB213 to repeal recon in Hawaii because I keep getting hassled by cops for having a body kit on my car. Body kits do not require recon permit & a lot of cops don't even know the law. They just cause trouble just because they think they're right. This year this cop was complaining about my body kit, wrote me a ticket for FRAUD USE OF TAGS/EMBLEMS, ripped off my safety sticker AND took my safety paperwork. This was SO wrong! My safety was for my car & no one else's. I went to court to fight it & the judge dismissed it right off the back! It's so frustrating to have to take time off from work causing me to lose money I can't afford all because cops don't know the law. I would really appreciate this bill goes throuh so I can stop getting hassled by cops. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2020 1:15:34 AM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Hoppe Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen of Honolulu I humbly ask that SB213 be ratified thereby ending the current Reconstructed Vehicle system (recon).

This fataly flawed system puts an unusually high burden on the public as well as the inspectors.

The inspectors are to look at and pass judgement over a bewildering variety of vehicles. No one person could be expected to keep up with inovations, both old and new, for so many differing vehicle types. The minimum qualifications to be an Recon inspector are quite low. Add to this a lack of the most basic inspeciton aids such as lifts, inspection trenches & equipment, a reviewing body of automotive architects and fabricators for consultation make the process subjective. The inspector is forced to make judgement calls based on what he/she is most familiar with often dicounting legal mods due to a lack of familiarity.

No practical means of appealing an inspectors decision exists.

The vehicle owners after educating themsleves by studying the statute and taking extraordinary means to ensure compliance will often fail an inspection with no recourse.

Recon is mandated state wide yet little to no enforcement occurs on the outer islands. Even handed enforcement is essetial for maintain the validity of any law.

The vehicle owner once successfully obtaining a Recon permit (often after multiple attempts)discovers that most State Safety Check stations will not inpect modified vehicles. I have personal experience patiently waiting my turn at an inspection station to be refused service simply because I followed the law and obtained a recon permit. It did not matter that the vehicle had not been modified in any way since the recon permit was issued. In the absence of dumb luck I have repeated this process up to 3 times over the course of a day in order to obtain asafety check.

Administering of the Recon laws is costly to the tax payers. The Recon fees do not cover the inspectors, clerical and logistical costs.

Please vote yes on SB213

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Submitted on: 1/29/2020 1:19:24 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

Hope too come to an agreement that will allow vehicle owners to mod their vehicles how they want with no to little repercussions.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2020 1:56:25 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerold Hollingsworth	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Good morning/ Afternoon. I am a military veteran and currently married to an active military member. We have 4 kids and both work full time jobs. We have 2 sons that are special needs and the amount of work and time spent trying to get my vehicles recon puts added stress on my family. All my 2 year old wants to do is ride in his monster jeep as he calls it. Please think about going away from recon so i can spend more time with my boys.

Thank You

Navy Vet Gerold

LATE

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Submitted on: 1/29/2020 3:08:59 AM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Reid Nebrija	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am 100% in support of repealing the reconstructed vehicles permit regulations here on Oahu. I personally feel that it is completely useless and it is too strict for us vehicle owners. Why should we have it in the first place? If you drive around the streets of our island do you see every vehicle abiding by the regulations of what recon is supposed to uphold? Definitely not. It's hard to monitor and control what happens after someone gets that sticker on their bumper. It's all people need. Just get the sticker, that's it. A seemingly useless process that is falling through the cracks. Yes, sometimes law enforcement busts some vehicles with extensive bending of the rules but it doesn't solve or limit anything. Why in fact are we the only island with recon regulations anyway? Other islands have no such thing for reconstructed vehicles.

With all due respect I believe these regulations should just be completely repealed due to its lack of necessary and true benefits.

Thank you.

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 5:31:50 AM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
john kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recon is a big inconvenience to a lot of people here on Oahu and a big waste of government money. I personally have had three vehicles that needed a reconstruction permit and all of them were a big inconvenience for me. I had to take off work multiple times for all the leaps and hurdles you have to do to get it.

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 6:27:10 AM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua Blevins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The requirement for special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles prior to operation upon a public highway has been flawed for many years. The law is outdated and inefficient, unreasonable, and unrealistic. The 1 and only approved recon station and DOT do not have the resources to operate the law (ie. engineers, certified welders, qualified/knowledgable inspectors), reasonable hours of operation, and also do not operate in conjunction with one another. In all retrospect the reconstruction inspections can be passed on to the Safety Check Inspections (ie. fender flares, lighting, tires). Also, recon inspections have suppressed business growth, innovation, engineering, ... I personally know a few people who have left the islands because of industry suppression. This law can possibly result in business growth, expand industries, innovation, engineering, ..., which will increase collected G.E. Tax and vehicle registration for the state.

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 6:41:48 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chelsea Belford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recon inspection should not be required.

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 8:00:43 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harold Hirakawa III	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I feel that reconstructed vehicles should not be a problem as long as it's safe to drive on the road. Other islands of hawaii dont even got recon and I dont see why oahu needs it. I think it's just a way to make money off of the people. We all pay enough in taxes and registration fees every year. That should be more then enough from the people. Recon needs to be removed.

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 8:07:59 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamryn Kepa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 8:56:24 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynol kaawaloa	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

With all the other things going on in our islands, I feel that recon should not hold back all the amazing vehicles that we the people have build to enjoy. We deserve to enjoy the cars and trucks that we built!

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 9:01:13 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Green	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaii RECON program has evolved into something that it was not intended to be when created in 1965. Today, the program is run on the Staff's whim. There is no consistency with what is approved and what fails.

It is a "who you know" operation... if you know "somebody inside", the rules get bent and your modifications will pass... same modifications that wouldn't pass for the average vehicle owner who doesn't have an "inside" contact.

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cody kanekoa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Cody kanekoa oppose this bill. We the people/tax payers should be able to construct our vehicles to our liking. It should not be against the law to customize our personal property if everyone abides by all Federal regulations. It is a total inconvenience to obtain a reconstruction approval at only one location on the island. There are no guidelines or available requirements posted anywhere to see what you need to pass a recon. There should be no restrictions on vehicles in our state. If everyone pays the registration tax. This would make our island a better place to live with less hatred to our police officers who are only doing what they are told to do.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 10:17:12 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kira lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 10:51:12 AM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

In my opinion its not fair how we are the only ones that has to get this reconstructed vehicle inspection if we do something to our car. We are already getting safety checks yearly and it's just to much of a hassle trying to get the recon sticker. I see cars that needs the recon sticker but yet they wwill drive without getting one. Car enthusiasts is just trying to enjoy their passion with cars, They cause no harm to the public because they spends hundreds and thousands of dollars on car parts why would they ruin something they spent so much time and money on.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2020 10:45:52 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sidney Horsfall	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 11:13:09 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dominic K Botelho	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

How is it someone with NO ASE Certifications to say what is safe and not safe on a Vehicle?

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 11:13:58 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Namakakiloookaonohi Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 11:53:58 AM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elijah Tavares	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 1:52:57 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
e b	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 4:36:36 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Tangonan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In support of Senate Bill 213

HAR 134 was last revised in 1986. Its way out of date. Reconstruction inspections have been a problem for many in the automotive industry in Hawaii, from auto enthusiasts, and classic car builders to motorcycle riders and custom car builders.

It is basically a secondary vehicle inspection on top of the primary city safety check inspection for motor vehicles. Over the years i have been to the recon inspection station numerous times for my own vehicles and to help others get a fair inspection. I can tell you first hand that the recon inspectors where not the most knowledgeable about vehicle modifications and the components that were modified. Over these years i had got to know Willie who was the supervisor at the time. When talking to Willie about the qualifications that recon inspectors have he told me they have some basic knowledge of automotive components but no certifications in the field. Now, when we turn to the primary vehicle safety check inspections, we see that 99% of every auto repair shop that provides safety check inspections, are certified automotive technicians who have gone through ASE certification from the national institute for automotive excellence and safety. The clearer picture is that the safety inspection stations are more thorough and experienced on inspecting a vehicle to determine if it is of safe operating order to drive on public roadways and the correction needed to be addressed on the vehicle before passing inspection. To date, there has been no proof or evidence on any accident occurring on Hawaii's public roads due solely to an unsafe modified vehicle. There is no Recon on the other islands other than oahu. Those islands have had no problems whatsoever with modified vehicles getting inspections through safety check stations.

As of recently, the recon inspection station has reduced their operating hours from 12pm-3pm monday through Friday, Making it harder for people to get an inspection in a timely matter. We are talking about people who have jobs, who need to take off of work

just to get a reconstruction inspection and hope they pass so they can get a safety check. So heres an example of the process, when you put aftermarket wheels on your vehicle, you need to get a wheel alignment, then get a temporary safety check, then go to get a recon inspection, then back to get the permanent safety check. This takes up alot of time for people who would simply want to change their wheels. We could eliminate a whole step by just getting a safety check where they will do a thorough check of the safety of the vehicle with these new aftermarket wheels. Another issue is with many military personnel moving in and out of the islands, some bring their modified vehicles with them, it becomes a hassle for them to get their vehicle adjusted to hawaii's recon specifications. Thus, alot of military vehicles being abandoned and left behind when getting deployed or moving to get restationed.

Economically speaking, if recon is repealed, you will see less derelict and abandoned vehicles dumped on our streets. People will be able to finish their classic car project or fix their modified vehicle instead of having to trash it because they cant get a recon. You will also see a boost in the economy from automotive shops and consumers being able to modify vehicles with out the hassle associated with getting a reconstruction permit. This is a trickle down effect for the auto industry in Hawaii. Consumers will buy from auto shops, Shops will make or buy parts and accessories from the mainland, shipping and logistics companies will gain revenue for bringing them in to the islands and delivering to shops, vehicles will get inspected at state safety inspection stations, vehicle stays on the road and pays yearly registration.