

SB543

Measure Title: RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.
Report Title: Motor Vehicle Insurance; Brick and Mortar Requirement; Kalawao County
Description: Clarifies that the requirement for a motor vehicle insurer to maintain a complete sales and claims service office does not apply to the county of Kalawao.
Companion: [HB764](#)
Package: None
Current Referral: CPH
Introducer(s): BAKER, S. Chang, Fevella, Inouye

TESTIMONY OF ALISON UEOKA

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Friday, February 15, 2019
9:30 a.m.

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Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, my name is Alison Ueoka, President of the 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 **supports** this bill. The County of Kalawao should have been excluded in the original bill that passed in 2018 and this is a clean-up bill. Today, there are no driver's licenses issued by this County and having a sales and claims person there would be an expense with no benefit.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Senate Committee on
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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SB 543 Relating to Motor Vehicle Insurance

Chair Baker and Vice-Chair Chang, members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, I am Rick Tsujimura here to testify on behalf of State Farm Insurance Cos. on SB 543 and urging you to pass this measure “as is”.

SB 543 is intended to cleanup language in Act 216 which provided an exception from the requirement of a single “bricks and mortar” sales and claims office by using agent offices. Unfortunately the application of the county requirement included Kalawao, which contains Kalaupapa. Due to the limited number of vehicles, there are no agent offices in that county. This amendment is intended to exclude Kalaupapa from this requirement.

We strongly urge the passage of this amendment.