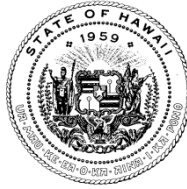


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**H.B. 1056, H.D. 1
RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** H.B. 1056, H.D. 1, which expands the authority of the Director of Transportation over required motor carrier vehicle inspections and authorizes the Director of Transportation to upgrade the motor carrier vehicle safety inspection program in the State by authorizing changes to the program pursuant to the amendment of administrative rules.

There is a need to upgrade the methods and procedures of the motor carrier vehicle safety inspection program such as transitioning the current paper-based inspection program to an electronic program.

The Motor Carrier Safety Staff is charged with the oversight of the DOT safety inspection of motor carrier vehicles program. The oversight responsibility for this program is a portion of the overall responsibilities of the motor carrier safety staff operations. Because the DOT safety inspection for motor carrier vehicles program is a paper-based program, officers must conduct audits of this program in the field, which is time consuming and a waste of natural resources.

Records indicate that on Oahu during the calendar years of 2016 to 2019, there were a total of 44 violations that included the improper completion of DOT inspection certificates, non-certified inspectors conducting inspections, inspections conducted without receiving proper documents and inspections conducted at non-certified locations.

Transitioning to an electronic program from a paper-based program would eliminate such violations from occurring, thus resulting in proper inspections that enhance safer motor carrier vehicles on Hawaii's roads.

Amending the administrative rules is a more efficient means of making program changes while allowing for input from the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



March 2, 2021

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON HB 1056 HD1 RELATING TO RELATING TO
MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

Aloha Chair Luke, and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 375 members involved with the commercial ground transportation industry.

HTA opposes motor carrier vehicles for being singled out for this program which allows safety inspection fees to be increased without the benefit of legislative oversight. Motor carrier vehicles deserve to be treated no differently when it comes to the opportunity to appeal to their representatives on fee increases like everyone else.

We have no concerns regarding transitioning to an electronic system which would be a benefit to safety inspections of ALL vehicles.

Mahalo.