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**H.B. 1062, H.D. 2**  
**RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation **supports** H.B. 1062, H.D. 2 which clarifies the validity period for a commercial learner's permit and adds a requirement for certain commercial driver's license applicants to complete an entry-level driver training course before taking other required tests for licensure.

The purpose of the bill is to establish a legal basis for implementing title 49 Code of Federal Regulations part 380, subpart F, which requires entry level driver training for certain applicants for a commercial driver's license or endorsement. A housekeeping amendment is also included.

States that fail to implement these requirements can be penalized by withholding federal funds. In Hawaii the amount withheld would be \$6,185,220.00 for the first year of noncompliance and \$12,370,440.00 for the second and subsequent years. Only one-third of the states have yet to comply with this requirement, Hawaii is one of them.

We request that the effective date of this bill be changed from January 1, 2050 to "upon approval."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
ON HB 1062 HD2 RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE**

Aloha Chair Lee, 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 supports this bill. This would conform Hawaii's rules to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's current requirements applicable for 2022.

Mahalo.