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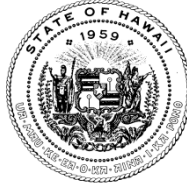
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Comments:

I strongly support this bill. This continues to be an issue because of the inability to get an appointment. It would benefit many if there were to be an on line or mail in option as done previously.

When thinking of an expiration date, please consider September 30, 2021.

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**H.B. 273, H.D. 1
RELATING TO LICENSE RENEWALS**

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports with concerns** H.B. 273, H.D. 1 which is intended to allow the DOT to enact emergency rules pursuant to section 91-3 for the renewal of driver's licenses by mail or online. Renewal by mail is already provided for in §286-107 (c), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), which in part states, "(c) Any person who holds a category (1), (2), or (3) license issued under this part who is unable to appear in person before the examiner of drivers to apply for a renewal of the driver's license, may, if the person is not disqualified from renewing the license under subsection (a) except as provided under subsection (h), apply for a renewal by mail..." Note that §91-3, HRS, already gives DOT the authority needed to adopt emergency rules for services that meet the requirements of the statute.

As stated above, renewal of the driver's license by mail is already available to the public. However, existing driver's license holders that intend to obtain a REAL ID credential for the first time would not be eligible for online renewal or renewal by mail. Many drivers who last renewed their 8-year driver's license in 2013 thru part of 2014 may not yet have a REAL ID driver's license and would like to apply for one. Additionally, driver's license holders that already have a REAL ID driver's license are required by Department of Homeland Security Final Rules to take a photo in-person at the county office every 16 years, i.e., every other renewal application for 8-year licenses.

Since the counties do not have an online system available to accept driver's license renewals, the counties may want to revise the bill's effective date to allow for a system to be developed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.