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S.B. 57, S.D. 2, H.D. 2
RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 57, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, which proposes to eliminate the reconstructed vehicle inspection program on Oahu as of January 1, 2022. The bill also requires the DOT to submit a report addressing the effects of repealing section 286-85 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to the Legislature prior to the convening of the regular session of 2025. The Act will be repealed on July 31, 2025 and section 286-25, HRS will be reenacted in the form in which it read on December 31, 2021.

The purpose of the reconstructed vehicle program is to ensure that modifications to motor vehicles do not result in a significant degradation of highway safety. However, the people who inspect the vehicles are not engineers and often lack the expertise necessary to make an accurate judgment of the quality of work that was done on the modifications or their ramifications. To compensate for this weakness, the inspectors often rely on section 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 that was done at this point is virtually impossible.

Two modifications that require approval by a registered professional engineer are (1) converting an independent suspension to a straight single axle and (2) a C-notch modification used to lower a vehicle. Both modifications involve welding or cutting the frame. When a frame is cut or welded, it voids the manufacturer's warranty and certification of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards compliance. The engineer would be asked to identify federal standards that are defeated or compromised by the modification and then explain why the vehicle is as safe or safer than it was before the modification. In addition, the engineer must approve the design plans.

Even if an engineer certifies a plan, that does not guarantee that the modification will be made in accordance with the plan. As a result, people who make or desire to make these modifications cannot pass a recon inspection and register their vehicles in Hawaii.

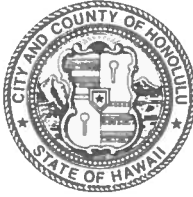
If Honolulu had no recon program, reconstructed vehicles would need only to meet the regular motor vehicle inspection requirements. These requirements duplicate some of the recon inspection items, such as maximum bumper height and tire treads being covered by a fender or fender flare.

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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March 31, 2021

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 308
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 57, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, Relating to Vehicle Inspections

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

The HPD appreciates the intent of Senate Bill No. 57, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, Relating to Vehicle Inspections, and submits the following comments.

Currently, vehicle inspectors at reconstruction stations are severely understaffed. Permitting the state director of transportation to supervise and certify all inspectors authorized to conduct vehicle inspections at official inspection stations will allow the public more options for seeking a reconstruction vehicle permit.

However, we do have concerns with the elimination of the reconstruction permitting process. Without the permitting process, those seeking to modify their vehicles would be given free rein to modify their vehicles as they wish, with possible disregard to the safety of their occupants and other motorists on the roadway.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for considering our comments and concerns.

APPROVED:

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Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Calvin Tong in black ink.

Calvin Tong, Major
Traffic Division

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:47:23 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin McClain	4Runnation, Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. I support the removal of the reconstruction inspection as a requirement for any and all automobiles with aftermarket suspension components. There are many individuals on Oahu who have had discarded perfectly good vehicles because they were unable to pass the recon inspection. I believe if this bill is passed it would help elevate some abandoned cars we find on the road now. I stand with Universal 4x4 and others who support the removal of the inspection

Please schedule a hearing for SB57.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 1:19:16 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hi my name is Bobby Gouveia and I represent 808 Street rods which are about 5000 members here on Oahu and I'm asking that we get rid of recon and have our safety check stations decide what's safe here on our island roads they are ASE certified mechanics and can make that call thank you for time and have a great and safe week.
808 street
rods. Bobby j Gouveia

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 7:50:25 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LIBRADO COBIAN	Oahu Motorsports Association	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB 57

My name is Li Cobian of the Oahu Motorsports Association.

Our organization supports the Recon Inspection Repeal Bill SB57 .

Oahu is the only island in the State if Hawaii with Recon inspection. It is a outdated requirement that started in the 60's that was enacted to inspect cars for stolen parts , it had nothing to do with safety . Current safety check is more stringent that RECON and covers all safety aspects of motor vehicles .

Cars affected by the Recon are Hobby Sports Vehicles ranging from; exotic cars , sports cars, muscle cars , jeeps, crawlers buggies and even lowriders, mainly the FUN weekend cars.

These are CLASS 1 & 2 GVW Category Vehicles that are classified by the Federal Highway Administration AS LIGHT DUTY Vehicles .

There was concern if RECON is repealed that these hobby cars may damage the roads. There is NO Sports modification that would change a Class 1 or 2 GVW vehicle into a class 3 and increase weight to a Higher Duty Vehicle. If Anything sports hobby cars are made lighter after modifications not heavier.

Owners of these Sports Hobby Cars do NOT modify them to make them heavier or to increase the GVW , its not like they are going to use these cars for heavy Transport of Cargo or heavy equipment. These are Sports CARS , they are not made or modified for commercial transport capacity.

Repealing Recon will NOT make these cars heavier and increase road damage. Thus there should not be a increase in Road Tax .

Also this Recon should not be reenacted in 2025 but if this measure passes , SB57 should be REAUTHORIZED contingent to a DOT report. Because what if DOT doesn't do a report on time, RECON should

not be brought back if the DOT report is not in by the 2025 deadline. I
EMPAHSIZE OAHU is the ONLY Island with RECON.

THE CURRENT SAFETY CHECK WILL REMAIN AND IS AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN
MORE STRINGENT THAN RECON EVER WAS> NEIGHBOR ISLANDS HAVE NO
RECON AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF INCREASE LACK OF SAFETY ON THE
ROADS ON THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS . THEY ONLY HAVE SAFETY CHECK
AND NO RECON .

Li Cobian

Li Cobian of OMA (Oahu Motorsports Association)

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:10:41 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Willis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support eliminating recon inspections

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:11:12 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support eliminating recon inspections

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:21:37 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB57. If this bill goes through I can register my only vehicle and drive it legally.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:24:04 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Stanley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm am in support of SB57. I am from maui I moved here to Honolulu and am now unable to register my truck cause I can't pass recon and not am unable to get safety check. I pass safety check on Maui but can't pass safety check here cause of recon. What makes this island different from Maui?

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:27:20 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Micheal Garaza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support sb57. Getting rid of recon is an effective way to save the state money. Honolulu is the only state with recon. A state without recon is proven to be effective as it is proven on all the other Hawaiian islands.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:30:56 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Evans	U.S. Military	Support	No

Comments:

Hi. My name is Robert Evans. I am stationed here on Honolulu and am at Kaneohe at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. I am in support of SB57. I and many others in the military and outside the military have issues with getting our vehicles legal. I am un able to register my truck because I can't get safety check. I can't get safety check cause I can't pass recon. I've been stationed on many different states and never had any issues registering my truck. My truck can pass whatever safety measures the states I've been to have including passing California's smog test. Recon is an inconvenience for a lot of us. I don't want to drive my vehicle illegally like I see many others do cause of Recon. Right now my truck is parked at a friends home cause I can't drive it on base and I had to buy another vehicle. Please pass this Sb57.

Thanks you.

Robert Evans

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:34:40 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phil Heath	U.S. Army	Support	No

Comments:

I am in the army stationed here on Honolulu. My truck which has been to many states have passed all safety measures to get it legal there. Here on Honolulu I am unable to pass recon therefore and unable to get safety and can't register my truck. This is a major burden on us serving in the military. We aren't able to drive our vehicles on post. We have to spend more money on another vehicle that is legal. Keep in mind we really don't make much. Getting rid of recon would help us and future service men/women that come here.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:36:42 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bobby Failma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB57. My truck is able to pass safety on Maui and Kauai. I come here to Honolulu and I can't even register my truck cause I can't get safety cause I can't pass recon. Why does only Honolulu have recon?

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:39:29 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support sb57 to repeal recon. This division is a waste of taxpayers money. Modified vehicles have to pass recon that is inspected by non ASE certified people then again have to pass safety that is done by ASE certified people. It only makes sense to get rid of recon and only do safety check. A system without recon and only safety check works. It is proven on all other Hawaiian islands.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:42:51 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Gervacio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support sb57. The people working at the recon station are not qualified to do what they are doing. Safety check should be enough since they are qualified to inspect vehicles. I know a lot of military people that come here and can't get their vehicles street legal because of recon. A lot of them have been to many states and is able to get their vehicles legal to drive them they come here and can't get it legal to drive. It's a major burden on our military that are stationed here.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:45:58 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support Sb57. It is an outdated system that is run by people that aren't qualified. Safety check should be sufficient enough as it is proven on all the other Hawaiian islands

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:48:29 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dominic Baultista	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Support the repeal of Recon Sb57. I can register my car on every Hawaiian islands except for the Island of Oahu. What makes Oahu different from the other islands that Recon is needed? Should make all islands the same.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:51:12 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donald Nedib	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Sb57 in the repel of recon.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:54:07 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 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 personnel 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-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 12:57:59 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
harold Hashimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of bill SB57. Why is there a need for two inspections to a modified vehicle. Shouldn't the safety be enough since the people doing the safety check are actual mechanics and know what is safe and what isn't.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 1:06:58 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jack Meoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of SB57. Recon inspectors are not even qualified to do what they do. Safety check should be enough as it is proven on all the other islands.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 1:10:10 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bobby Gumtang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of Sb57. This bill will allow a lot of people including my self to be able to legally drive my truck here. Because of recon I'm unable to get my legal to drive.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 1:56:44 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
danny yamada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hi as a law abiding taxpayer I'm in support of sb57 to get rid of recon permits.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 5:13:19 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I appreciate the Reconstruction Law as a privilege to car enthusiasts who wish to modify their vehicles for recreation. A reconstruction permit is needed only if a vehicle is modified beyond the extent that can't be passed by safety check. Safety check doesn't allow for much modification beyond changing tires, exhaust, and body kits. Therefore, I am testifying in opposition to this bill of repealing recon.

My main concern though is that the majority of the community who are following this bill and in support of it are under the impression that with the passing of this bill, they will be free to modify their vehicle as they please (which will still be illegal to do so), making it a safety hazard for public roadways. For example, a straight front axle conversion where the frame is cut and welded to change the axle thus compromising the structural strength of the frame (welds can break causing axle to fall off which will allow for a potential accident while driving) or lifting a vehicle beyond safety regulations (headlights will be higher than normal blinding others in front and inability to see smaller cars in a blindspot). Under the reconstruction law presently, these are not allowed. If the reconstruction law is repealed, then those under the impression of a "free-for-all" will modify with no regard to the safety of others on the road.

To get a reconstruction permit, one only has to pay \$15 for the inspection pass or fail (with 90 days to fix whatever was failed) and can update or change modifications on the permit as needed free of charge.

Some will argue that those who process the reconstruction permits are not well educated in the field. The City & County Motor Vehicle Control who issue the reconstruction permits also manage and certify all the safety check stations and inspectors on the island of Oahu, therefore are well informed of what's required to pass. They were/are ASE certified and were previous safety check inspectors.

The recon station is fully booked into 1 month (they won't book anything past that) which also proves why the reconstruction law is still needed. Many people still want to modify their vehicles to a reasonable extent and need the reconstruction permit to be able to drive the vehicle legally.

I hope this testimony is taken into consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 5:19:22 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Travis archer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support getting rid of the recon laws.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 10:15:42 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

As a registered voter and automotive enthusiast, I am here today to submit my written support of Senate Bill SB 57 SD2 HD2 to repeal the requirement of the Secondary Vehicle Safety Inspection also known as the Recon Inspection of reconstructed and or modified vehicles. This secondary vehicle safety inspection is only required and performed in the City & County of Honolulu (CCHNL), at present time none of the other Counties in the State of Hawaii and no other state in the Union of the United States require or perform this type of inspections on reconstructed or modified automotive vehicles. As I recall in its original intent the secondary vehicle inspection was primarily checking the legality of items or components being replaced on motor vehicles, sales receipts of replaced components were required to present at the time of the inspection to insure items were not stolen. As of late this secondary vehicle safety inspection has evolved into an inspection to deem if the vehicle is safe and road worthy to operate on the streets and highway of the CCHNL which is not much different than the annual motor vehicle safety inspections that are performed on every vehicle that operate on the roads across the state. Each of the vehicle safety inspectors throughout the state are individuals that are required to take a test on a scheduled frequency for them to maintain their certification to perform these inspections. Question has been raised whether individuals that perform these secondary vehicle safety inspections are required to hold the same standards as those that perform our annual vehicle inspection. A House Committee raises concerns of an un-inspected reconstructed vehicle weight change would cause more damage to the State's roads. Majority of all the reconstructed vehicles are not one's primary used vehicle for everyday transportation but are more of a leisure or recreational use on weekends, holidays and special events. The vehicles that do more detrimental wear & tear, damage of our State's roadway are the large commercial vehicles each day of the work week.

As you may have read the submitted testimony by the State Department of Transportation both this and last year, they are in support of this measure to repeal the need for the secondary vehicle safety inspection. They have also provided data that the fact that modified and or reconstructed vehicles are not the leading cause of motor vehicle accidents on the roads throughout the State of Hawaii. This year the Honolulu Police Department has submitted written testimony to the State Senate on SB 57 SD2 HD2 in support of the measure along with many other automotive enthusiasts that have

submitted their written testimonies in support of this measure. I ask the committee to also support this measure, SB 57 SD2 HD2 that will repeal the need for this secondary vehicle safety inspection.

Aloha and mahalo,

James Hanson

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 10:18:38 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha to the FIN Comittee,

Please support this bill, to abolish the current reconstruction permitting system. I've been literally in love with modifying vehicles ever since I could drive. When I was young, I would look forward to just working on my car, and I would spend countless hours with modifying suspensions and working on body work...back then, I never followed the rules of obtaining a recon permit, because I always felt that putting in my time and building it safe for myself and for my family, were always safe enough, however, I would always get pulled over for no recon. It finally got to the point where I finally decided to apply for one. When I finally did, it seemed primitive to see how much knowledge these inspectors really had. They didn't really know what they were looking for, in fact, they would turn me down for reasons that would actually fail the regular safety check, such as having a simple sticker on the back window, or the battery wasn't attached well enough. What I'm trying to portray here is that a simple safety check should be sufficient enough to check for a vehicles safety....further more, because we build and do things for the safety of our own families and the safety of our friends, it will be safe. This reconstruction permitting is, as you know doesn't exist in any other states, including even the other neighbor Hawaiian island chain. Given that, if safety was truly an issue, then there would be traffic accidents on the neighbor islands due to unsafe reconstructed vehicles. I also want to point out that there are many vehicles on the road that are modified, and don't have any reconstruction permits, and they are able to avoid it because the vehicles are still brand new, and since their safety check is valid for two years, they're never under the radar since they don't need to obtain a new safety check. In short, I encourage you to pass this and remove the need to obtain a reconstruction permit, as I strongly feel that us car enthusiasts can bring some (it may not be much) income to the state, as we spend money on parts, and even open shops whom modified vehicles. When it wasn't as strict as it is now, there were numerous shops whom sold parts and did actual modifications, and it brought some relief the the economy, but since the new picture taking for safety check, it's been continuously declining in popularity, and even decreased the amount of vehicles that are actually modified because no one wants to go through the hassle, and also feel it's not needed. If this is passed, I am sure there will not be any accidents directly related to modified vehicles, as accidents are largely due to user error, which is obvious.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 11:48:20 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support bill sb57

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Subject: Fwd: SB 57 My testimony : Tim Reimer March 19, 2021

The Oahu Reconstructed Car Inspection is a very complicated, time consuming and expensive issue for anyone needing to get one. Here's how it works...Step One: The office is located in Honolulu on Kapahulu Avenue and does not take appointments. This means you have to one, take the day off from work, and two if your car isn't licensed, you need to find a method of transporting it there. If you have a friend with a trailer that makes it easy but most of us don't have either.

Ok, option two, have your car transported on a car carrier or tow truck! Do you have an extra four to six hundred dollars for the tow? It might be more, depending on where you live. Once you have arrived, the car comes off the truck and is inspected by the Reconstruction Officials. Great if you pass but if you didn't, then you will be returning again, after taking the day off and paying tow charges.

Ok, great you passed, now the tow truck has to take your car to the scale if it was never registered before. The scale is located in the middle of town, so another tow charge to that area and the driver's waiting time. Again, the car comes off the tow truck and is driven onto the scale, the tow truck driver is very upset at all this waiting. After the vehicle is weighed, the tow truck heads to the Safety Inspection Station to inspect your vehicle, another tow, charged by the mile. The Inspector tells you to take the car down from the tow truck so he can inspect it, more lost time and not for free.

Now if you are lucky and your car passed these two inspections, which took most of the day and spent all of your savings, the car is towed home. But wait, you now have a reconstruction sticker but failed a safety inspection since you have no registration. Here you go again, take off from work, drive your legal car to the DMV or your unregistered car, taking a chance for a harsh ticket. You spend an hour or two at the DMV, now you have a reconstruction sticker, a registration and still have to complete your safety inspection since you now have your registration. The question is, do you drive your car back for safety inspection or tow it again? You know what most people will do! Ok, the second day is wasted, the safety inspector might or might not pass your car, if he does, great. If not, then it's home again to fix the failed issue(s).

The Reconstruction Law causes people to just give up on their dream cars and for those who have the time and money to waste on it, their vehicles will be on the road after years of building it. This Reconstruction Law has been a nightmare for all car enthusiasts and needs to be deleted now, unless the State will pay our lost wages, lost time and towing charges which I doubt. HB1651 needs to pass as soon as possible... it's time!
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Note: I, read a memo from your office, stating, non-reconstruction inspected vehicles may damage Hawaii roads, if the weight of the vehicles are changed . We aren't adding 20000 pounds to our cars, which could damage the roads, we aren't adding a bulldozer blade to the front of the car and a dirt tiller attached to the rear, That statement, is inaccurate and should be deleted. There's no difference of road damage between my Grandmothers station wagon or our project cars, since only the small area of tires will contact the road surface. His statement, is not relevant to this issue, since no other island uses the Reconstruction Stations , yes just Oahu uses it. Compare outer island road damage to Oahu road damage, non-Recon Inspected vehicles cause the same amount of road damage as a bicycle. This demand of Hawaii Auto Reconstruction, is a fine example of discrimination between the different islands. Oahu, is purely being discriminated against , by the Recon Requirements, no other island even uses this system , please delete it, so all of Hawaii's Auto Enthusiasts are treated equally . We, have waited too many years, please don't delay this issue for additional months or years . Aloha and thank you , Tim Reimer

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 7:54:38 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stuart saito	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this measure, safety check should be enough.

SB-57-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 9:15:08 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian Yoshizawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have been playing with "hotrods" since back in the late 70's. My first experience was my Uncle building his 1965 Mustang and would take us "cruising" back when I was little. We kind of looked forward to the weekend rides (my cousins, brother and myself). We learned about cars from my Uncle and also enjoyed going to the Race Track on the weekends. We learned about "Safety First" when playing with cars. I always keep that in the back of my head when working on my personal project or someone else's as well. I was in the Automotive Industry for over 20 years as my passion for modifying cars became my career. I left Ron's Performance after 18 years of service with them. The decline of the business with the race track closing and on-line sales made it very hard to conduct business. While employed at Ron's, I met many "Gear Heads" like myself over the years who come from different areas and different lifestyles but we all have one thing in common. We love modifying our cars. Hot rodders spend a lot of money to modify the car/truck to where we want them. Just when you think you are finished, something new comes out and we end up making more changes to our beloved rides. For me, building hot rods keeps me out of trouble. My wife knows where I am and what I'm doing. Not out drinking and getting into trouble. My kids also learn the basics of properly maintaining the vehicle as well. We love displaying our rides at local "Cruise Nights" and also looking at other peoples projects as well. We spend a lot of money on our hot rods and I can only speak for myself, I drive extra cautiously as I don't want to spend a lot more money to fix it from getting into an accident or something. I also build my car so if I were to get into an accident due to circumstances beyond my control, I know my passengers along with myself will be safer than how the vehicle was originally built from the factory. My car has to get a safety check every year like everyone else. I pay insurance like everyone should. I also pay the registration on the vehicle as well like all the other motorists and taxes at the gas stations. The only difference is I don't drive the car as much as an everyday car. I really hope they abolish the Reconstructed Vehicle / Special Interest Vehicle Rules. If revenue is the issue, I wouldn't be upset if the Safety Check rate went up to make up for some loss revenue. I know this is just a statement on my behalf and if it does help, all right! Some enthusiasts feel this may be a waste of time as we have heard a lot of people in office or running for office say one thing (support) and do the opposite. Lots of "Broken Promises" from politicians in the past. Just having someone "stand up" and speak for us is a blessing. Thank you for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry Chun	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha House or Representatives,

I'm a registered voter and a car enthusiast here today to submit written in support of bill SB 57 to repeal the requirement of reconstructed vehicle inspections. Oahu is the only island and county in the US that has an antiquated and outdated law that requires a reconstructed vehicle to undergo another special inspection along with a safety check inspection before it is deemed safe for public roads and highways. I feel this unfairly targets us motorsports and car enthusiasts because it forces us to go through and pay for another unneeded vehicle inspection. The items covered during a reconstructed vehicle inspection are covered during the safety check inspection. It's a waste of tax payers money to run a vehicle inspection department when it's not needed and is being staffed by unqualified automotive inspectors who rely on outdated reconstructed vehicle rules. State government is supposed to run efficiently and save tax payers money. Having a reconstructed vehicle inspection office doing the same job being done by qualified automotive inspectors during safety check inspection is not efficient and a waste of tax payers money. Wasted tax payers money for the reconstructed vehicle inspection department could be better put to use in repairing our very poor condition roads and highways. Our poor existing road conditions poses more of an immediated threat to driver safety daily. None of the reconstructed vehicle inspectors currently are SAE certified and don't have the knowledge or experience to deem what parts or modifications on a reconstructed vehicle are safe or not. Also the current reconstructed vehicle law is antiquated and doesn't prove that by subjecting a vehicle thru this type of inspection will make it any safer for public highways and roads than just getting a safety. For those reasons I have listed above, I support bill SB 57 to repeal the need for a reconstructed vehicle inspection.

Aloha and mahalo,

Larry Chun

Subject: SB 57 My testimony :

Tim Reimer

The Reconstruction Law is useless and needing consideration to delete. Below, you will find my testimony and my communication with Maile Shimabukuro. Please assist us, in this matter, thank you and Aloha 🙏, Tim Reimer, car builder and auto enthusias

To: reps@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: Tim Reimer. 808-554-3481. tim96819@yahoo.com

Re: Please Pass SB57, Elimination of Reconstructed Car Inspection

The State Department of Transportation supports the passage of SB 57 , to eliminate Oahu's reconstructed car inspection requirement. I whole-heartedly agree with DOT's position for the following reasons:

The Oahu Reconstructed Car Inspection is a very complicated, time consuming and expensive issue for anyone needing to get one. Here's how it works...Step One: The office is located in Honolulu on Kapahulu Avenue and does not take appointments. This means you have to one, take the day off from work, and two if your car isn't licensed, you need to find a method of transporting it there. If you have a friend with a trailer that makes it easy but most of us don't have either.

Ok, option two, have your car transported on a car carrier or tow truck! Do you have an extra four to six hundred dollars for the tow? It might be more, depending on where you live. Once you have arrived, the car comes off the truck and is inspected by the Reconstruction Officials. Great if you pass but if you didn't, then you will be returning again, after taking the day off and paying tow charges.

Ok, great you passed, now the tow truck has to take your car to the scale if it was never registered before. The scale is located in the middle of town, so another tow charge to that area and the driver's waiting time. Again, the car comes off the tow truck and is driven onto the scale, the tow truck driver is very upset at all this waiting. After the vehicle is weighed, the tow truck heads to the Safety Inspection Station to inspect your vehicle, another tow, charged by the mile. The Inspector tells you to take the car down from the tow truck so he can inspect it, more lost time and not for free.

Now if you are lucky and your car passed these two inspections, which took most of the day and spent all of your savings, the car is towed home. But wait, you now have a reconstruction sticker but failed a safety inspection since you have no registration. Here you go again, take off from work, drive your legal car to the DMV or your unregistered car, taking a chance for a harsh ticket. You spend an hour or two at the DMV, now you have a reconstruction sticker, a registration and still have to complete your safety inspection since you now have your registration. The question is, do you drive your car back for safety inspection or tow it again? You know what most people will do! Ok, the second day is wasted, the safety inspector might or might not pass your car, if he does, great. If not, then it's home again to fix the failed issue(s).

The Reconstruction Law causes people to just give up on their dream cars and for those who have the time and money to waste on it, their vehicles will be on the road after years of building it. This Reconstruction Law has been a nightmare for all car enthusiasts and needs to be deleted now, unless the State will pay our lost wages, lost time and towing charges which I doubt. SB 57 needs to pass as soon as possible... it's time!

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Note: I, read a memo from your office, stating, non-reconstruction inspected vehicles may damage Hawaii roads, if the weight of the vehicles are changed . We aren't adding 20000 pounds to our cars, which could damage the roads, we aren't adding a bulldozer blade to the front of the car and a dirt tiller attached to the rear, That statement, is inaccurate and should be deleted. There's no difference of road damage between my Grandmothers station wagon or our project cars, since only the small area of tires will contact the road surface. His statement, is not relevant to this issue, since no other island uses the Reconstruction Stations , yes just Oahu uses it. Compare outer island road damage to Oahu road damage, non-Recon Inspected vehicles cause the same amount of road damage as a bicycle. This demand of Hawaii Auto Reconstruction, is a fine example of discrimination between the different islands. Oahu, is purely being discriminated against , by the Recon Requirements, no other island even uses this system , please delete it, so all of Hawaii's Auto Enthusiasts are treated equally . We, have waited too many years, please don't delay this issue for additional months or years .

Aloha and thank you , Tim Reimer

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

Comments:

This bill will be a big relief for the automotive industry. Recon Inspection is a waste of time for automobile owners and a waste of money for the state. The inspectors are incompetent and have no experience in automotive inspections or engineering. No other islands have it so Oahu shouldn't have recon inspection either. It costs the state money to run as it doesn't bring in any profits. It costs automobile owners time and money for an inspection that is completely not needed since there is already a safety check. Recon office hours and days aren't open enough for people to get an inspection done. It's a worthless program that should be done away with.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Lawmakers,

My name is Avery Tsui. I am husband and father of three adult children. I make my living in Honolulu as an electrical estimator for a national electrical distribution company.

I support SB57 and the removal of the Reconstruction Inspections. The Recon Inspections are difficult to schedule. They can be enforced and interpreted many different ways which lead to confusion. Safety Check Stations are also confused as to what is required by Recon and what's not.

The time and costs to schedule recon inspections is a burden to Honolulu citizens. The fact that only Honolulu County is enforcing this Statewide mandate is unfair to Honolulu citizens as well.

Respectfully, Avery Tsui

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 1:30:48 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phil Davidson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing to you today to express my sincere dissatisfaction with Oahu's vehicle recon requirements. I support eliminating recon inspections in hopes that this will not only help the passionate community who spend extensive time and money to safely modify their personal vehicles, but also to help the state save time and money. We already have extensive safety requirements statewide and Oahu is the only island that requires recon. My personal experience with recon was extremely unpleasant and since no other island requires recon, it doesn't make any sense for the state to keep spending taxpayers money to continue when the outcome doesn't keep the community any safer. Especially since my vehicle has always passed the state safety inspection on the outer islands. Please share this testimony and please help make Oahu a better place and the vehicle safety program more reasonable.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 2:15:57 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
WILLIAM W HOPE JR	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB 57

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 3:05:13 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I would like to submit a testimony on the removal of the reconstruction permit. This permit is really redundant to me. Why is it that we need a safety inspection AND a reconstruction permit? Why is it that the island of Oahu requires it but the outer islands don't require it? We are one state right, so we should all have the same laws right? Besides that, outer islands haven't had any real safety issues with modified vehicles, so who's to say we have issues with modified vehicles? I've been driving since 1992 and have had a reconstructed vehicle ever since I was able to afford to modify my vehicle. For the first year that I modified my vehicle, I've never had any issues with safety, what's so ever. The time that I needed to renew my safety inspection, that's when I found out about a reconstruction permit. I remember when I got the permit, I swear I had to go 2 or 3 times because everytime I went, they found something else "wrong" with the vehicle, whether it'd be a sticker on the window or a bump stop that was longer than it should've been, my point being, the people that was inspecting my vehicle, really didn't know what they were doing, so these people really aren't capable of inspecting vehicles. If that's the case, and they're not inspecting it "properly", with no real safety issues, then why have reconstruction? Please consider removing this reconstruction from our system as it's really not needed.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 4:30:18 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I would rather see the Recon inspection eliminated from Hawaii's auto standard laws. I don't understand the purpose that it supposedly serves as a requirement to pass a regular safety inspection after we pass the recon inspection. Vehicle owners are receiving Recon certification sticker by satisfying the requirements to obtain one. However, vehicle owners are modifying their cars after receiving both a Recon sticker and a safety inspection sticker. I am sure that most of the Recon stickers on vehicles today are invalid and doesn't reflect the list of modifications per recon inspection. Most safety inspectors for regular safety inspections, not Recon, aren't reviewing the Recon list of modifications on vehicles. The majority of modified cars on the streets are unapproved modifications but, has Honolulu Police Department's traffic division reported more or any accidents or incidents per illegal modifications? No. So there are no safety hazards regarding being able to have a recon certification sticker.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM



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

Comments:

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

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.

Pre-COVID - 12-4pm only 4 hours a day. 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. In the past they were open at 7:30 am. 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 4 hour window for inspection.

Present day - the online appointment system is overloaded. It is nearly impossible to get an appointment online. Appointment slots hours are 12:30 to 3:30

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 and 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 what it actually costs. 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 William Chang at Motor Vehicle Control and get input from the employees that actually work there and run the program.

PMVI could easily be amended to accommodate safety concerns of the public and state agencies.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Seferino Aguilar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support SB57. Please remove reconstruction.

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

Comments:

It is unnecessary for residents and costly for the state.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 6:35:07 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirk Gosnell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill because the vehicle safety inspection should satisfy as a an inspection by a qualified mechanic. Only licensed and qualified mechanics should be performing these checks.

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 6:36:14 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill to do away with recon. I, too am one of my automotive enthusiast. Most of all the upgrades to our vehicles that we do, improves it durability on the road. All these upgrades are built better and stronger than what comes on the vehicle. Everyone on this island has an outlet and for many it's their vehicles. With all the money we spend on our rides, it's a shame that we have to jump through hoops just to drive it. I am sure that if recon goes away, there would be thousands of revenue generated. Everyone will register their vehicles and pay the registration of their vehicles, EVEN though the registration goes up every year. Even with that we would pay it to drive our cars. I do believe that yes we should still have a regular safety check inspection. Get rid of recon, see the increase of vehicles beings registered and maybe we can relieve our state from all the taxes the state makes us pay. Thank you for your time

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 6:40:53 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
phillip Henrikson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a military member lucky enough to be stationed in Hawaii with my family, I was confused and surprised when I first heard about the RECON inspection. The inspection is a very unique and unnecessary requirement. I honestly believe this is some holdover from the large-scale corruption that the FBI is thankfully weeding out of the islands. Why would this be the only state requiring this type of activity if it wasn't somehow supporting the politicians who put it in place? It is unnecessary and causes me to question the honesty of those who provide representation to the people of Hawaii. I have not seen or heard of any evidence to prove that it provides for the people of Hawaii's safety. It causes the expenditure of extra time and money for those who wish to modify their vehicles, which was made WAY worse during COVID restrictions due to there being a single location for RECON inspections. Please pass SB57 and remove the requirement for RECON.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 6:51:30 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kawika kahalepuna	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

I support SB57 get rid of recon

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 7:09:04 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rodney Ulep	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support eliminating recon inspections

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Imaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support bill SB57.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 7:49:30 PM

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

Comments:

Please remove reconstruction inspection thank you!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 8:08:04 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Corey Arruda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please remove the reconstruction bill. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 9:16:46 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emanuel Rojas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB57 and the removal for the requirment of reconstuction inspections. The island of Oahu has nothing to gain, and is actually a monetary sandpit with the costs to maintain the program far exceeding the money coming in from inspections. There is also the fact that the other islands do not require nor desire said inspections and have looked to us as a reason to continue to allow individuals to modify their vehicles in a safe and reasonable manner.

Get rid of Recon inspections, and push SB57 through!

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 9:19:27 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dallas Emosi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of eliminating recon inspections, as it does not make sense to have.

If the neighbor islands don't have recon inspections then why should we ?? Elimination recon inspection will save the people money but will also inspire car enthusiasts to buy more aftermarket parts at stores therefore making more money for the state because of tax.

“When we looked at the data on the accidents that occurred throughout the islands, throughout the state in the last 10 years, we didn’t see any high level of contribution for recon vehicles causing accidents,” said Ed Sniffen, the state’s highways division deputy director.

Thank you and much appreciated.

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 9:32:29 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke and Vice Chair Cullen,

I am in SUPPORT of SB57.

HAR 134 (Reconstruction Permit) was last revised in 1986. 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. **Reconstruction inspection was originally put into law to inspect vehicles for stolen parts.** Eliminating reconstruction inspection will not affect any type of state or county vehicle weight tax.

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 the 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. 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 os 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. Here's an example of the reconstruction permit 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 a lot 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 a lot of military vehicles being abandoned and left behind when getting deployed or when moving back out of state 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 can't get a recon. You will also see a boost in the economy from automotive shops and consumers being able to modify vehicles without 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 companies will gain revenue for bringing them in to the islands, trucking companies will deliver cargo to shops, vehicles will get inspected at state safety inspection stations, vehicles stay on the road and pay yearly registration and taxes. This in turn will be a consistent and steady revenue stream for the state and less expenses with removing abandoned vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration!

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

Comments:

I support SB57 to eliminate vehicle reconstruction inspections. It is redundant and a waste of State, County, and City resources.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in support of bill SB57.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
marcelo pascua jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support bill SB57 SD2 HD2.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 10:34:06 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill sb57 to have certified mechanic do the safety inspection on all type of vehicles than non certified people

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Xareth Ishihara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB57 to eliminate vehicle reconstruction inspection.

Thank you,

Xareth Ishihara

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
douglas cordeiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this testimony because Oahu is the only Hawaiian island that has recon.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell	Public	Support	No

Comments:

Please get rid of Recon as we all OAHU is the only place that has this,RECON law doesn't make any sense to us public road users we pay our registration we pay our safety we pay TAXES...I don't see any harm in our cars truck being high or low...I see semi trucks big?I see trailors low boys low to the ground! it just doesn't make sense,if you guys are looking for money for the state here is your chance to give the non reconable truck or car that was sitting for YEARS back on the roads...there is alot of cars sitting at home waiting to be used but can't cause of this RECON law!!!PLS JUST TRY IT GIVE US THE TIME AND DAY TO LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ONCE,GIVE IT A TRY THATS ALL WE ASK,THEN IF IT DOESNT WORK OUT THERES MANY MORE OTHER OPTIONS TO HAVE OUR TRUCK/CARS LEGAL TO STATE N PUBLIC SAFETY LAW...MAHALOZ PLENTY BNIGGZ

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