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S.B. 57, S.D. 1
RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

The Department of Transportation **supports** this bill to eliminate the reconstructed vehicle inspection program on Oahu. It is recommended that the definition of a reconstructed vehicle in Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 286-2 be deleted, along with the other references to a reconstructed vehicle.

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 judgement of the quality of work that was done on the modifications. 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: converting an independent suspension to a straight single axle and a C-notch modification used to lower a vehicle. Both modifications involve welding or cutting the frame. This 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 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. Modifications like these are usually done with a kit, and kit manufacturers will not certify the modifications made with the kits because they can be used on many different applications. 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, which do not focus on vehicle modifications. People who make an unsafe modification would need to deal with any consequences that result.

Crash data that is available do not indicate that reconstructed vehicles are a safety problem on Hawaii roads. However, the data that is needed to determine whether a vehicle defect caused an accident is rarely collected. Until such time that it can be shown that reconstructed vehicles are a safety problem, motor vehicle enthusiasts would welcome the elimination of the program.

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.

The bill requires the exhaust sound test to be made when the engine is running at full throttle, but the test standard information is not provided which is necessary to be referenced when developing admirative rules. Since there are testing standards that limit rpm to 3,000 (SAE J1169 FEB87, for example), while others require full throttle (SAE J1096 FEB87), it is suggested that a required engine rpm for the test be excluded from the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2021 2:42:02 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LIBRADO COBIAN	Testifying for OMA 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 . Li Cobian of OMA (Oahu Motorsports Association)

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:35:45 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin McClain	Testifying for 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.

Position: Support
Name: Bobby Gouveia
Organization: 808 Street Rods

IN SUPPORT OF SB57 WITH AMENDMENTS

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members: Thank you for hearing SB 57. I am in strong support of this measure, and respectfully request that you consider these two important amendments:

1) Delete Noise Test

The Addition of the noise test to be conducted at a vehicle's Max RPM should not be a safety check issue, but rather a law enforcement issue under the state and County Noise ordinance enforced by HPD. Requiring a noise test at Full max RPMs (which for vehicles max RPM's can range from 6,000 to 10,000 RPMS) would be assessing the noise level of a vehicle going past 100 MPH . At max RPMS a vehicle has the potential of exceeding 100 MPH and yes exceeding the regulated Nuisance Noise ordinances.

Not permitting an Exhaust ,with the potential at max RPMS to exceed 95 DB , is like NOT permitting a Vehicle that has the potential of exceeding the speed limits . Law abiding citizens with High Performance Vehicles abide by the speed limits and by the noise ordinances. They should not be penalized for having the potential of exceeding the noise limit or speed limit . Local Law enforcement has the authority to Fine violations of this act , when it occurs Not if there is a potential of their High Performance Vehicles having the capabilities of exceeding these limits. Thus, I respectfully request that the Noise Test be removed from SB 57 .

2) Retain the "Street Rod" Exemption

An important technical amendment is for SB57 to have the safety check inspection process continue to recognize the STRD exemption (for 1967 cars and older), which preserves the hot Rod street cars theme and to keep their Hot Rod appearance. The Reconstructed car statute, which I fully support repealing, currently contains this STRD exemption; thus it is just the STRD exemption language that needs to be preserved and transferred to the safety check statute. Otherwise, all Classic Hot Rod Car owners will be NON Compliant and will Not be able to get a safety check or register their Hot Rods to be street legal. Again, this is only an issue on Oahu.

MAHALO again for your consideration; I urge you to pass SB57 with the two amendments above.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 11:21:46 AM
Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Greg Mann	Testifying for Muscle Cars Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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MAHALO again for your consideration; I urge you to pass SB57 with the two amendments above.

Sincerely,

Greg Mann / Managing Member

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Submitted on: 2/23/2021 7:26:28 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chaz Nakaima	Testifying for Okami Works LLC	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of getting of recon and safety but not in support of the proposed exhaust requirements. I have seen many businesses leave or just shut down due to recon. There are many opportunities for people in the auto industry and many bright people here who can shine but are basically canned by the rules. It's important because there are people who just do shotty work. But for the rest of us who are able to do quality and safe builds there is no outlet. Same with there being no track. I'm sure the exhaust noise is because of people driving crazy in the streets. There's no outlet for them either. From the motor vehicle activity side, especially on Oahu, it seems that there are more and more freedoms are taken away but nothing is ever given to supplement. It's just a natural reaction.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 2/20/2021 9:55:08 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dustin Tunac	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

i support this bill

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Submitted on: 2/19/2021 3:35:17 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha!

I wish to support this bill that would remove the law for the recon permit when modifying a vehicle. I strongly feel that we car enthusiasts work diligently and in a manner of safety to provide safe travel while driving our own family members in our modified vehicles. By having the recon permit, the state might be losing out on income in a subliminal fashion, meaning that when we spend money at local shops to modify our vehicles, or spend money purchasing parts for our vehicles to modify, we are spending money, and ultimately the state is able to collect GE taxes on. This will increase a small portion of the economy. While it's small, it will still aid in boosting the economy as best as we can. This also gives us the freedom to do what we feel is enjoyable in our lives, as you already know, this past year has been very stressful, with very little things to look forward to.

Please support this bill to rid of the reconstruction permit, so we can enjoy the vehicles we love, and look forward to everyday.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2021 5:17:37 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Let's go

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Submitted on: 2/19/2021 5:19:52 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Kubo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The recon process is very difficult to get through. If it's a way to get more money for the state I would gladly pay more for my yearly safety inspection for having a modified vehicle. Just like when I take my car to get a safety check now. I have tint on my windows so I pay a little more to have the car inspected. The car would be listed as modified on the safety check. The state could also cash in on all of the modified cars that don't have recon because the inspection station would make the determination if the car was modified or not. Thank you for this opportunity. Aloha

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Submitted on: 2/20/2021 10:06:48 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I fully SUPPORT the repeal of recon inspection

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Submitted on: 2/20/2021 10:08:16 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I fully SUPPORT the repeal of recon inspection

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:08:14 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support the bill to remove the requirement for Recon for Oahu Residents. Safety inspection should cover any vehicel related issues without the need for recon.

Sincerely

Justin Henson

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 12:24:00 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I'm am in support of SB57. I am from the Big Island. I moved here to Honolulu and am now unable to register my truck cause I can't pass recon and cause of that I can get safety check. I easily pass safety check on the Big Island. It's not fair the Honolulu is the only island with recon. Is anyone working for recon even know what they are looking at when inspecting the vehicles?

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 12:31:44 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 10:19:44 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edna Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senator Baker and Senator Chang and members of the CPN committee , WE SUPPORT SB 57 and Thank you for scheduling Sb57 .

There is concern with the public that the Addition of the noise test in the safety check to be conducted on vehicles at its Max RPM

should not be a safety issue but a law enforcement issue under the State and County Noise ordinance enforced by HPD at the time of infraction.

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Vehicles having the capabilities of exceeding these limits .

We respectfully request that the Noise Test be removed from SB 57 and support SB 57 .

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 12:38:08 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I'm am in support of SB57. It is an outdated system that is performed by people that are not ASE certified, mechanics or engineers. The people doing safety check are more qualified and all that is needed.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 6:38:26 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
steven hyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm in favor of sb57 with 2 revisions one for deletion of noise restrictions and one to keep the street rod classification for pre 1967 vehicles

thank you very much Steven Hyer collector & restorer of classic vehicles

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 5:15:25 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tim Reimer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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MAHALO again for your consideration; I urge you to pass SB57 with the two amendments above.

~ Tim Reimer

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:35:16 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:37:24 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jared Piimauna	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill. We, the residents of Oahu are the only island, in the only state, in all of the United States that have Racon laws. I sincerely hope that this is passed. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:44:29 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kevin ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello. I'm in full support of sb57. It doesn't make any sense of why we need this. Recon is a joke. If you bring a vehicle in for a recon inspection on one day it might pass and the next day it will fail! Been workinb in the automotive field for 20yrs now. I'm a avid car enthusiast and don't see how recon and safety check help with keeping vehicle safer with these laws. Please please repeal this bill and help the people of Hawaii with one less thing to get taxed on for having a stock or modified vehicle.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:45:57 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kekoa Meanor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

recon should be removed and instead be checked during safety checks. it is unfair that the county of honolulu is the only county in the united states that has recon inspection. it is not enforced on other islands. recon inspections should not be mandatory if the vehicle owners are able to prove that the modifications to their vehicles have been installed properly or by professionals. there are numerous amounts of times where a lifted vehicle could be used in hawaii. the roads here are horendous.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:46:02 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
dayton pirtle	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I as a motor enthusiast, support the testimony of SB57

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:47:33 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee members respectively, I urge you to please pass SB57 with amendments.

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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. 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. So here's an example of the 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 and delivering to shops, vehicles will get inspected at state safety inspection stations, vehicle stays on the road and pays yearly registration. This in turn will be a consistent and steady revenue stream for the state and less expenses with removing abandoned vehicles.

Thank you!

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:47:51 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jesse garo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

as an ASE automotive expert, former safety check inspector, and automotive enthusiast, I support this bill. recon is unnecessary as safety check inspections are already performed annually. safety should be able to deem vehicles safe whether modified or not. with the removal of recon, more vehicles that were most likely safe to begin with will be registered and tax collected helping our already financially depleted state.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 7:58:14 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support bill sb57

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 8:00:15 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support SB57. It's a department run by people that aren't qualified and a waste of tax payers money.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 8:05:27 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Being born and raised in Hawaii building cars were around my family. From trucks, to cars, to volkwagons, and etc. With recon, it makes it very difficult for us car enthusiasts to build and enjoy OUR vehicles. If this passes, all the car/truck enthusiasts will be very happy. Please let us enjoy building our vehicles!

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 8:06:57 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 8:08:25 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyle Chee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please remove recon

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 8:21:37 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joseph lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

All other islands do not have recon only Oahu?

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 8:30:54 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill to get rid of RECON!!!

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2021 8:57:11 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chez Dunston-Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may be concern,

my name is Chez Dunston-Lee and I support this bill only because I recently upgrade my Tacoma and lifted it. I don't see for every tlifted truck owner like myself have to go get recon and then to safety check. It the recon is prettt much the same standards as the safety check so there is no need to get recon if we have to get a safety check two it's a double edge standard. And if you was to look at the other 49 states we are the only state that has safety check and recon. So I'm in favor as making the safety check and recon in two one standard. Thank you for taking your time to read this and please pass this law cause I know more than half the state would love and be thankful to have pass this especially with what has happen during this pandemic and it would give Hawaii as a whole positive direction.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:18:20 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mouthiane singnakhone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support bill sb57

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:25:32 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill sb57 to get rid of recon. I feel it's not right to have the people that inspect are vehicles for all the modifications we do to say yes or no if it's passes when the company that we purchase it from have proven and tested it safe or exceeds factory specifications.. when some it not that knowledgeable about the vehicles. And it's a lifestyle for us individual to express a safe modifications to our vehicles not all modifications are bad to other people in our community

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Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lauren Mercado-Quihano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I oppose recon!

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:38:30 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lucas Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I feel like recon is bias towards us as a state because we are the only ones that require a reconstruction certificate of some sort to show that the modifications on a vehicle are legal. The mainland uses smog check and don't have recon at all.

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:53:24 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alfredo Parel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support SB57

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:53:34 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 9:57:43 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2021 10:05:34 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill sb57.

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2021 10:10:10 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support SB57 SD1.

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2021 10:13:47 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rich Piana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill SB57. Safety Check is all we need. They are the ones that make sure our vehicles are safe.

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2021 10:19:12 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

normal vehicle inspection should be enough as it is there to ensure vehicle is safe for use on the road.

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2021 10:46:50 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Carvalho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this Bill SB57.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 10:56:55 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha I support bill SB57 to get rid of any special vehicle inspection or any type of reconstruction law here in Hawaii we have lots car enthusiasts including myself along with family and friends we love working on our vehicles building them and driving them with pride it's an extension of who we are as individuals I believe no such law is required for a special vehicle inspection and being that we are one of the very few states that have a recon law maybe the only state doesn't make any sense maybe we should start focusing on the more important problems ahead of us...I am in support of bill sb57 to get rid of any special type of vehicle inspection or recon law

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 10:57:15 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
micah curimao	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Micah Curimao support SB57 SD1

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 11:27:57 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
skylar 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.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 11:35:13 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aliyah Akina	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The reconstruction permit is a tedious and unnecessary part of Hawaii's vehicle registration process and should cease to continue.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2021 11:53:30 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Recon is not needed

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 1:26:45 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A. Mikioi Edwards	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a tax paying native Hawaiian and I vote. I support this bill.

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 2:01:35 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please remove recon inspection! Why is it Oahu is the only island that got to deal with recon??? Please look into this bill and remove thank you!

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 8:28:06 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott-Michael Waracka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Baker,

My testimony today is in support of the SB57. I find it funny that we have an additional inspection for modified vehicles on Oahu that is based on population? This does not seem to me based on safety but more of a money grab. The same vehicles requiring recon on Oahu do not require this inspection on any of the outer islands. The inspection of compliance of the safety check laws can be performed by a safety inspector. These safety inspectors go thru training and are more than qualified to perform these inspections. In my opinion the recon inspection is a redundant inspection and a waste of tax payer money. I humbly ask for your support in moving SB57 forward. Thank you for your time.

Thanks,

Scott-Michael Waracka

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 7:47:18 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Abe Mangrubang	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I believe the this is going in the right direction but having an exhaust db inspection is not only gonna add more of an expense but be counter to what this bill is going for. Most vehicles on the road already have a higher than 95db; some reaching 103db from factory. The exhaust portion of this bill is not necessary and should continue forward without it.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2021 6:56:07 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christian d	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I am not for recon. Recon should be removed

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 9:24:27 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in full support of bill SB57 SD1.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 11:55:12 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Lam	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Comments on the amendments added to SB 57

The amendments to bill SB57 (now version SB57 SD1) have been proposed by persons who are not familiar with automotive engineering, nor persons with experience measuring exhaust decibel readings.

"The rules adopted pursuant to this section for motor carrier vehicle safety inspections shall include exhaust noise tests as part of the safety inspection process and that the exhaust noise be no louder than ninety-five decibels at max revolutions per minute to pass the inspection."

Many problems with this:

1) It will be loud at the safety stations. Police should enforce this, not safety check. I used to live in California about 20 years ago, and the California vehicle code has similar language to the amended language in SB57 SD1. The difference is, California language requires the vehicle to be at a constant speed of 30mph and its up to the officers to enforce, not safety inspectors/smog inspectors. This way, if a car is loud and driving around, police can cite. Doing a noise test at a safety inspection station will cause unnecessary loud noise at every safety check station. Revving the cars/trucks to maximum RPM. Some exotic vehicles exceed that DB reading, even with factory exhausts straight from the dealer. Could you imagine a shop down the street redlining cars at max RPM all day every day? Whomever proposed this amendment is a complete idiot.

2) Some cars cannot meet the requirement. The language of the current amendment is that the vehicle cannot exceed 95DB at MAXIMUM RPM. I drive an old mercedes, and while im driving it, the maximum RPMs are 6500RPM, but at a stop, in neutral it can only rev to 3000RPM. The committee members who added this amendment obviously dont know anything about automotive engineering or the safety standards set in place by particular manufacturers. The only way maximum RPM on my vehicle and many others could be done would be on a rolling dynamometer.

3) A rolling dynamometer would be EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE for either the state or the safety stations. Some dynamometers cost over \$50,000 EACH! So to enforce this

current amendment, the state or the individual service stations would need to purchase dynamometer machines. With the current state financial strain, that seems like a abhorrent idea.

I propose that this amendment be removed, and the original SB57 remain intact. The noise component of motor vehicles is already in statute, and can be enforced with police. A few sound measuring instruments for police to enforce statute is a better alternative than spending MILLIONS on machines during one of the worst budget crisis our state has ever faced. Do the right thing and remove the amendments from this otherwise perfect Senate Bill.

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Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jordan Deveraturda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill to remove reconstruction inspection. I feel this is a unnecessary process we don't need especially if we're the only island that have it in Hawaii.

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 12:24:22 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

LATE

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

Comments:

I support SB57. The reconstruction inspection is redundant and a waste of resources. Please eliminate recon for modified vehicles.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 12:25:39 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shavon Palmero	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT SB57!! Oahu needs to get rid of recon already! The only island that need recon, for what? Let's get rid of recon.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 12:37:13 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anson Daite	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I feel that the additional vehicle inspection known as Recon should be unfasten because of the fact that it has put more stress on the hawaii residents to obtain proper registration and safety check and to my understanding it has forced nearly new cars to choose to abandon their vehicles and in result creates more trash on the island. The additional recon law has also caused more unsafe possibilities forcing individuals to drive with not having regular vehicle inspection done for many years. I believe individuals that modify their vehicles wether it be to improve road handling conditions or off road handling conditions have all the intent on making their vehicles safer for their intended purpose. In the end if recon is removed I believe that the roads will continue to be safe and open up funding to properly improve the roads as well as allowing vehicles to properly serve their full service lifespans hence saving hawaii residents money.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 12:45:41 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Giovanni Aguada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I, Giovanni Aguada support bill SB57. As an Automotive Technician and Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspector I STRONGLY believe that these Reconstructed Vehicle Permits have a lot of contradicting rules to the actual Safety Inspections. We are going off rules made/written back in 1986 that has a lot of irrelevant standards to today's vehicles. Also being that I've taken many vehicles to get these Reconstructed Permits. Most of the time inspectors are very inconsistent and go off their own personal judgement and opinion when deciding if vehicles will pass or fail. There are also many things they require people to do to their vehicles that are just simply impossible to obtain. Leaving vehicle owners with basically a "paperweight" of a vehicle after spending countless time and money doing their modifications . For example, requiring a manufacturer to approve a design from an engineer about modifications that you'd like to perform. I believe that this extra inspection should be removed so I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 12:47:25 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

We need this bill to be passed this law doesn't make our roads any more safe . If anything it makes it more safe to have good quality parts

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 1:55:25 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Isaiah Koahou	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I'm in support of this testimony due to the hassle of getting recon inspection on modified vehicles. I feel that recon inspection is not needed anymore and is just a complete hassle to go through anytime we modify vehicles. Most of the modified vehicles you see on the road are very safe and for fellow car enthusiasts and car shows. Most us drive very respectfully and look forward to seeing SB57 being passed thank you and Aloha.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 2:36:17 PM
Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Henry Dulatre	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I support sb57 but i do not support on outting the extra test for exhaust since it wasnt a part of safety inspection

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 2:58:51 PM
Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
noah manabe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Noah Manabe Support Recon being gone, but oppose to our exhaust being checked to a 95db rating. The whole point of getting rid of recon is for us to not have restrictions on our personal builds. I think that recon should be gone for good but raise the exhaust db rating higher. Also getting safety checks people say will get harder due to our safety check rules in Oahu. Being lowered or lifted with after market looks shouldn't affect us getting safety if recon is gone. Of recon is gone then it's gone, no restrictions to getting our safety checks.

Thank you

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 3:08:12 PM
Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is an absolutely unneeded law that will just make it even more difficult to get our cars on the road. Not to mention how hard it is to get a safety nowadays, plus some states don't even have safety's. Having to rev to max rpms to hear the exhaust just sounds so unnecessary and unwanted. A lot of drivers have modified exhaust or even stock exhausts that are loud, plus modified exhaust do not add an overwhelming number of horsepower or cause dangerous actions on the road. Having this rule put in place will not solve any issues of pollution, noise or safety, in fact having this rule in place will only cause irritation and stress in our community. Thank you for reading, have a blessed day.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 3:09:06 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shaylatheus Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Afternoon, thank you for your time and for your hard work. Please at least read my solution for this!

I'm writing this with the intent of going against the recent amendment made which would allow safety checkpoints to rev our cars to redline in order to determine if our exhaust is above 95db. I'm in full support of recon being abolished; mainly because I feel as if a recon does nothing to improve the safety of roads when you consider who is modifying cars (people who care about their cars and the safety of others) and the fact that safety points can ensure a cars suspension modifications are appropriate and safe for the road anyway without the recon process which is time consuming, limited, and inconvient to the average citizen and supporter of Oahu, Hawaii.

I'm against the revving and DB sound limit for many reasons, but my main argument is listed below.

The first and most important reason I'm against this is because it does not improve the safety of the vehicle. The sound of the vehicle has nothing to do with the safety of the vehicle unless the modified exhaust is improperly assembled, or hung in a dangerous matter. If the exhaust is improperly placed, the safety inspector would fail the vehicle anyway. The sound of the vehicle and the DB level improve nothing towards safety of citizens, and if I argue, having a louder car improves situational awareness of the individuals on the road around the car which makes that noise. Also, there are many cars that are stock and can exceed the 95DB limit without any modifications. Not to mention, revving and redlining a vehicle in an enclosed space can cause hearing damage to the people working near it. Redlining a vehicle also causes damage to the engine over time. Will the safety inspectors pay for the damage causes by redlining the engine everytime they need a safety? It poses an unnecessary risk to all workers.

A better solution would be to tax people with exhausts that are over 95DB or at least, raise the limit to an appropriate level where even stock cars could pass. Why can't the government implement a tax on vehicles with loud exhausts instead of failing them? As a car enthusiast, I'd rather pay an extra \$50 as a tax for having a loud exhaust than have to change out my exhaust to my stock one just to pass a safety, then end up putting my modded one right after anyway. If we pay a tax, the government gains a steady revenue, and the car people are happy with the government. This also

eliminates the needs of having to pay recon employees salary when you could eliminate recon, save people time, and gain a better source of income.

Thank you for your time and I hope we can all come to a compromising solution which makes us happy and helps you out also.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 3:13:49 PM
Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaipo Padwell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitting my Testimony too abolish Recon for our future.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 3:29:45 PM
Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua Blevins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It's simple, the recon law in place is outdated and needs to be reformed, revised, or repealed. It hasn't worked efficiently and affectively since its creation. Currently, the recon law is a wall that suppresses economic growth in the automotive industry as a whole. In some cases certain vehicle types and styles have been singled out, made very difficult, and nearly impossible to pass; with very little to no justification why. In the national and international automotive world, Hawaii enthusiast have been creating styles and trends that the rest of world appreciate. Yet our local laws do not support such inovations and ingenuities. In a place where cost of living is high, taxes are going up, wages that don't support the real estate markets, why are laws that suppress economic growth in existance. I support SB57, because our current recon law is "NOT" working, it is inefficient, ineffective, unreasonable, unrealistic, and suppresses economic growth.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 4:35:28 PM
Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dino Mariano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I do not agree with exhaust sound levels being checked.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 4:40:23 PM
Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javin	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Aloha senators, I do not support Section 286-209 (b). Having a vehicle rev up to it's maximum revolutions will cause premature wear on engines and can possibly cause damage; enough to total a vehicle. In addition, many vehicles will not pass this regulation without modifications and stock exhaust parts unchanged from the factory.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 4:43:05 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The reason i support bill sb57 is because these rules are outdated. technology has come a long way since recon was implemented and i believe that nobody benifits from recon.

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 4:51:07 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shane Robins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill to eliminate the reconstruction permit for modified vehicles in hawaii. It would mean so much to the people living on oahu to not have to get recon for our vehicles that we modify, please give the people of hawaii this opportunity to not have to get recon anymore as alot of us who have modified vehicles have so much passion and pride in our cars and trucks.

Mahalo nui,

Shane Robins

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 4:58:08 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Kaaialii	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support for the removal of the reconstruction permit that only the island of Oahu is following, no other counties in the state. I do not see how a modified vehicle on local roadways poses a safety risk to the rest of the drivers on the road and what's the point of having recon when you have to pass an annual safety check every year? It clearly makes no sense. A brand new, unmodified vehicle is just as dangerous as a heavily modified vehicle with a bad mannered driver behind the wheel, maybe we need to start safety checking the drivers instead. Aloha.

LATE

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 5:59:32 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Devon Netti	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I agree with abolishing the reconstruction permits, but the exhaust testing I feel should at least be at higher than 95db. Any car, if you rev it hard enough would easily be able to surpass that. If the noise level can't be raised, maybe just charge \$30 dollars to the owners of the vehicles that surpass 95db instead of failing all together.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 6:00:44 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose the bill SB57 SD1 on the need to get inspection on the modifications on vehicles.

SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 6:09:21 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandy Companion	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in support of SB57 without the amendment that requires exhaust noise checks as part of the safety inspection process. I believe that the Reconstruction Inspection and Certification of vehicles is an unnecessary step in obtaining and passing a Safety Inspection here on Oahu.

There is no evidence that supports the idea that reconstructed vehicles are a safety hazard on Oahu roads. The other islands do not require this same inspection and it seems that they have no issues in connection with reconstructed vehicles in regards to safety of others or as a risk on the roadways.

The automotive industry here on Oahu is big and could be bigger without the Recon Inspection and Certification. This could be an avenue to help stimulate the economy here on Oahu. Vehicle owners who purchase and install aftermarket modification parts buy quality to enhance their vehicle. This means that their modifications aren't intended to be a road hazard; people don't modify their vehicles to get into a car crash or have their vehicles fail on them while driving.

Vehicle modifications and reconstruction is a hobby. For some of us during this pandemic it has been something that has kept us sane and motivated and positive. The mechanical abilities learned and obtained during reconstruction or modification is a skill and an advancement that compliments our mental abilities. It is a hobby that can and has been passed down to the younger generations. It is said that the new upcoming generations live technologically based lives. But you see some of these same young kids learning a hands on mechanical and physical world through this hobby.

I propose that instead of the Reconstruction Inspection and Certification that modified and/or reconstructed vehicles pay a higher fee for their annual Safety Inspection. I believe that an additional \$25 to the normal Safety Inspection fee is reasonable.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 6:12:13 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raine K Yoshida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Recon sholdn't be a requirement on Oahu because all the other islands don't have it and the recon workers are getting any money off this.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 6:46:49 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

LATE

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

Comments:

Getting rid of recon will save the state money and reduce unnecessary oversight. I do not agree with the sound levels of cars being checked.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 7:37:56 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sinjin Cornette	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the bill to get rid of recon.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 7:46:39 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Horne II	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of removing Recon inspections. And adding other measures into a safety inspection.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 8:07:25 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha House of Representatives,

I'm a registered voter and a motorsports enthusiasts, I'm to submit written testimony in support of bill SB57 to repeal special inspection for reconstructed vehicles. Big Island of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai don't require owners of reconstructed vehicles to undergo a reconstruction vehicle inspection in order to make their vehicle street legal. Only Honolulu has such a law and this unfairly targets owners of such vehicles by requiring them to pay additional for the reconstruction vehicle inspection on top of a safety check inspection. Also none of the current reconstruction vehicle inspectors are SAE (Society of Automotive Engineering) certified. Because they are not SAE certified like automotive mechanics are, I feel the reconstructed vehicle inspectors are not qualified to render a decision as to what makes a reconstructed vehicle safe for the public highways and streets. Also the current reconstruction vehicle laws as it is written is antiquated. The antiquated reconstruction vehicle inspection law makes it difficult for many owners of reconstructed vehicles to pass unless they spend quite a bit of money and time to make their vehicles to comply with the law. Many don't have the money or time to do this and ultimately sell their reconstructed vehicle. In conclusion, I support bill SB57 for repeal reconstruction vehicle inspection because it unfairly targets reconstructed vehicle owner on Oahu, none of the reconstructed vehicle inspectors are SAE qualified, and the current reconstructed vehicle law as it is written is antiquated and does not prove to make a reconstructed vehicle safer for the public streets or highways of Honolulu

Mahalo,

Larry Chun

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William W Hope Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Support SB57

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SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 8:36:19 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kapena Keolanui	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in support for the removal of recon on O'ahu. In my opinion, its an unnecessary regulation that doesn't do much for the safety of everyone on the road. Safety check already exists. The car/truck scene in Hawai'i is very important to a lot of people. Why would a car enthusiast spend all their time, money, and hard work into building a car that would be too "dangerous" for themselves to even drive? Personaly speaking, I have rarely seen any accidents because of something that a "car with recon" caused. It happens once in a while sure, but its not because "that car/truck had recon" and thats why the accident happened, it happened because the driver messed up, regardless of the vehicle being driven. The people who drive actual dangerous cars are the ones who are financialy unstable and arent able to pay for a car at all, those are the people that can cause harm on the roads. With that being said, those types of people cant afford safety check, registration, insurance, let alone recon. They're going to continue to do what they do regardless if this bill gets passed. But for us law abiding citizens who like do drive lifted trucks THAT ARE SAFE, I urge for the removal of recon. Mahalo

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SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 9:12:17 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
israel kon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kōkou,

I agree with the removal of reconstruction permits. I do not agree with the limit of 95 decibels as a max limit of automotive exhaust systems. A better solution to this would be to have a max limit of 95db at idle and not max rev. Anything that is above 95db can and/or should be taxed 45\$.

mahalo,

israel kon

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SB-57-SD-1

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Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Koa Garcia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the bill to get rid of vehicle inspections.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2021 10:43:33 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiara Companion	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the passing of Bill SB57 as this will infuse local businesses to broaden and provide other services or create new businesses; increasing economic growth. As I have seen individuals take their businesses out of state or start new businesses elsewhere that allows them to modify vehicles without any hassle and restrictions. While others have closed due to loss of income and the fact that monies are being spent out of state.

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SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 6:46:49 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clyde Alexander	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

In regards to the safety of the public, having uninspected vehicle on the road would be unsafe for various reasons. Our vehicle safety check system is flawed and needs to need revamped. There are too many safety check stations passing illegal vehicles.

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Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

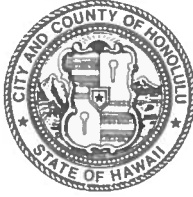
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ian	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Bill SB 57 is a waste of time and money

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February 23, 2021

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
and Members
Committee on Commerce
and Consumer Protection
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Chair Baker and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 57, S.D. 1, 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. 1, 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:

Handwritten signature of Susan Ballard in black ink.

Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Calvin Tong in black ink.

Calvin Tong, Major
Traffic Division

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Submitted on: 2/23/2021 8:55:57 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shawn Rose	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe that the proposed bill is just another way for the state of Hawaii more importantly Honolulu county to generate more revenue. Testing people's exhaust sounds is absolutely absurd as 95 dB most cars are above that. And I am not somebody who is submitting testimony against it because I drive a loud vehicle, I drive a Tesla. There are so many more things that Honolulu county in the state of Hawaii should be focusing on rather than wasting money in time to test peoples exhaust. Furthermore the recon needs to be stocked or discontinued immediately. We are the only island here on a Oahu that does this. Furthermore most of the time it's not even enforced I see vehicles running around the island all the time with no recon sticker and tires sticking out well beyond where they're supposed to for recon standards and law-enforcement does absolutely nothing about it. All recon does is bring extra revenue to Oahu and causes headaches for people who have to get it. And currently recon is so backed up because of Covid that people are driving around with expired safety check expired registration because they can't get either one due to not being able to get recon. Stop with all this nonsense. Get rid of recon and don't test exhaust sounds or raise the DB.

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Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Apaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill 1000%. AS stated before, this is unnecessary and there is no evidence supporting that reconstructed vehicles are more dangerous than any other car, truck or SUV on the road. With all of the suppression of the people because of laws that are not uniform across counties, this will allow vehicle enthusiasts to engage in their hobbies.

Mahalo!

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SB-57-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 3:54:20 PM
Testimony for CPN on 2/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
braeden santiano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support the repeal of the requirement for a reconstructed vehicle to pass an additional inspection because I believe it will open a wider market for enthusiasts and professionals to practice their craft in Hawaii. In conjunction with an open race track, we will be able to safely do so and also help to take illegal racing off the streets. I truly believe the reconstruction inspection cannot accurately determine the safety of the vehicle, therefore isn't necessary. Although, I do not support the decibel range inspection because it also doesn't determine the measure of safety on a vehicle.