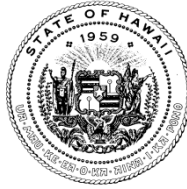


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**S.B. 57, S.D. 2  
RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 57, S.D. 2 which proposes 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 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.

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.

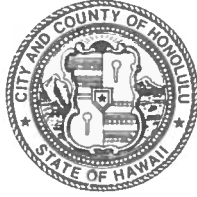
Crash data that is available do not indicate that reconstructed vehicles are a safety problem on Hawaii roads. However, the data that is needed to determine whether a vehicle defect caused an accident is rarely collected. Until such time that it can be shown that reconstructed vehicles are a safety problem,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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 17, 2021

The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 423  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Members:

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Ballard".

Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Calvin Tong".

Calvin Tong, Major  
Traffic Division

**SB-57-SD-1**

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

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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)

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 11:47:05 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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.

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 5:56:20 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hi my name is Bobby Gouveia and I represent 808 street rods which has about 4000 members we support SB57 for that our safety check stations are more than adequate enough to make the call on what is safe for our island of Oahu and that they are ASE certified mechanics and that we are the only island that has such a law which is unfair I would like to thank you for your time in this matter God bless and stay safe

808 Street Rods • ASE Certified • 1/2

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 11:09:35 AM  
Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mitchell t seno	Kings Ride Truck Club	Support	No

Comments:

Candrivebetterwithacarortrucklowercanwatchroadbetter

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 12:24:17 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaila Mada	Racing & Chillaxin InDa808	Support	No

Comments:

Good afternoon,

After speaking with people who were for Recon inspections but the majority I've spoken with were against keeping Recon inspections, I've formed my own opinion. If HPD hasn't reported auto accidents caused by illegal modifications or any modifications, then this hasn't been a transportation safety concern for maybe decades. So what purpose does it serve to keep Recon inspection?

The Recon handbook that Recon inspectors are following, created in 1986, are outdated. Modifications made by today's car owners are more advanced. Recon inspectors are passing cars with modifications that may or may not be according to the rules because inspectors are following outdated rules, correct? How does that make any sense to legitimately pass 20 percent or less drivers but letting 80 percent or more pass illegitimately? Also, how does that ensure transportation safety?

Either update the handbook of rules and train Recon inspectors or get rid of the inspections due to being inefficient.

Thank you,

Kaila Mada/Racing & Chillaxin InDa808 via Facebook



**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

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

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Kitchens	BTT, LLC	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

Recon is an absolute waste of time for Oahu. No other island has it, no other state in the US has it. I support SB57 and the elimination of it.

Michael Kitchens  
BTT, Inc.

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 3:52:41 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Owens	Corvette Club of Hawaii	Comments	No

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

Thank you for this hearing regarding SB 57. I think it is important for you to hear testimonies from credible and knowledgeable individuals that have an understanding of the subject at hand.

I was an officer for the Hawaii Department of Public Safety for 32 years and retired last October. I am also the President of one of the largest professional car clubs in the islands, the Corvette Club of Hawaii. The Corvette Club of Hawaii was established in 1973 for drivers and owners who love great American sports cars. Our Club currently has over 220 active members with Associate members from all over the world. You have probably seen us in various parades around the island escorting the Governor, Mayor, local legislators, Representatives, Mrs. & Miss Hawaii pageant winners, beauty queens, and various other VIPs.

I am in strong support to eliminate the reconstructed vehicle inspection program on Oahu and respectfully request that you consider these thoughts and/or opinions.

1. 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 original purpose of the reconstructed vehicle program was to ensure that modifications to motor vehicles do not result in a significant degradation of highway safety. The people who inspect the vehicles do their best to determine the visible and/or hidden safety of all cars on Oahu. However, I do not think that they are licensed engineers and may lack the expertise necessary to make true and accurate judgements of the quality of work that was done on the modifications by an unknown individual and/or mechanic.

2. If Oahu abolished the recon program, reconstructed vehicles would only need to meet the basic/regular motor vehicle inspection requirements which do not focus on aftermarket vehicle modifications. Thus, individuals who make an unsafe modification would need to deal with any consequences should it occur. Crash data that is available do not indicate that reconstructed vehicles are a safety problem on Hawaii roads.

However, I cannot find any data that is needed to determine whether a vehicle defect caused an accident. Until such time that it can be shown and/or proven that reconstructed vehicles are a safety hazard, responsible motor vehicle enthusiasts would welcome the elimination of the program.

3. The reconstructed vehicle inspection program is not required on the neighbor islands. In those counties, reconstructed vehicle owners simply need to pass the annual motor vehicle inspection program to register their vehicles. I believe that this system should work on Oahu as it does on the neighbor islands.

4. 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 for any engine ranges from 6,000 to 10,000 RPMs. This is not recommended by any vehicle manufacturer and would surely be assessing the noise level of a vehicle going an excessive speed or MPH. At max RPMs, any vehicle has the potential of exceeding safety speeds, and yes exceeding the Nuisance Noise ordinance laws. Not permitting an exhaust with the potential at max RPMS to exceed 95 DB is like NOT permitting a vehicle on our roads that has the potential of exceeding the speed limits above 55MPH. A vast majority of Hawaii's law-abiding citizens who may or may not have high performance vehicles abide by the speed limits and by the noise ordinances on our open roads. Local law enforcement has the authority to fine violations of this act when it occurs, but not if there is a potential of having the capabilities of exceeding these limits. There is a time and place in appropriate designated areas to enjoy a cars capability safely when Oahu get a racetrack again. Thus, I respectfully request that the noise test be removed from SB 57.

If you have any questions, I would be honored to testify in person or meet with you to give you my insights and opinion.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

V/r

Charles Owens

President

Corvette Club of Hawaii

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**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 11:06:43 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott-Michael Waracka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Aquino,

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 be 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

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 11:55:26 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tim Reimer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The State Department of Transportation supports the passage of SB57, 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-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 11:57:13 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Corey Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please remove reconstruction SB57 thank you!

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 11:58:42 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:02:17 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elijah Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recon insecton is redundant and needs to be eliminated. It is a waste of State resources.

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:06:30 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
steven hyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support sb57 Oahu is the only county in Hawai'i that has ever been required to perform this. This should be a process performed by Hawai'i state motor vehicle inspection stations .

thank you Steven Hyer professional motor vehicle restorer and collector

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:07:04 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:10:42 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Chun	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of Sb57

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:12:46 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
harold Hashimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Sb57.

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:16:17 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:23:07 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:33:50 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:52:38 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 1:08:56 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin Respicio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support bill sb57

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 1:13:08 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dominic Baultista	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Sb57.

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 1:16:52 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Seferino Aguilar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recon is not a viable solution for safety. The safety inspection is enough. I have only lived in Hawaii for 3 years and I don't see the need for recon. The days available are ridiculous, the hours are the same and even trying to get an appointment is absurd. The personnel that work there don't have a clue about vehicles or their own regulations. The regulations that are found are also ridiculous. I've lived in 5 different states and recon is not a solution but a problem. It is a complete waste of time. Please consider getting rid of this requirement, its the best for everyone to continue their everyday lives without this being a hassle.

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 1:17:47 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Koa Garcia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill with the hope to get rid of the need for Recon. Mahalo

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 1:32:02 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donald Nedib	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Support Sb57. Thank you.

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 1:39:50 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jesse Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the passage of this bill to remove the requirements of Reconstruction inspections.

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 1:41:03 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ricky Whitehead	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support sb57. It would be beneficial to hawaii case then a lot of people including the military will be able to get their vehicles legal and drive it legally on the road.



**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 1:57:41 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
stuart saito	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support sb57 safety inspection are just that, there shouldn't be any discrimination to car enthusiast that drive modified vehicles that still have to pass a regular safety inspection, which says the vehicle is safe to drive on the road and meets all requirements to be driven safely.

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 3:27:05 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
danny yamada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hi. As a law abiding citizen and taxpayer I support this bill to get rid of recon.

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 5:14:10 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Xareth Ishihara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 5:28:26 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 5:33:01 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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?

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Submitted on: 3/15/2021 5:45:00 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 5:55:47 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Phil Heath	United States 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-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 6:21:58 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Russel B Teraoka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I hope this bill sb57 passes the reconstruction

The roads are more unsafe then the recon vehicles built

Appointments are backed up for no reason

And the safety station already hold a standers to the recon vehicles

I would pay and extra 10 dollar fee on reg and fill in a check box that ays I'm reconstructed

Reg is already high stop Penny pinching us on the recon sticker

It's a loss of money any way I bet u pay more in paper pushers for recon the the revenue that comes from the recon applicant's

Aloha have a beautiful day and thank you for hearing us locals out



**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 6:55:19 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dale	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha I support this SB57 bill to get rid of the recon.

mall safety check inspection station is well qualified more than the people working at the reconstruction station. And all modifications is safe and proven to be safe or exceeds Orem safety.

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 7:54:24 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rodney Ulep	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Take out reconstruction inspections please

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 8:33:35 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Willis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support the repeal of RECON permits

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 8:35:43 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support the repeal of RECON permits

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 8:53:56 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Tangonan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Aquino and Vice Chair Ilagan,

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.

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!

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 10:16:54 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ROBERT MOSTELLER	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB57 SD2

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 4:27:43 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William W Hope Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB57 SD2



**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 6:55:14 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patrick Green	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB57.. Repeal RECON.

"RECON" was formed in the mid 1960s to discourage Auto Enthusiasts from operating their vehicles with stolen parts. RECON has since then evolved into an unnecessary inspection program that is redundant to the State Wide PMVI, a program operated on a whim by a staff unqualified to judge Automotive Modifications.

I was employed by various Oahu Automotive Facilities from 1977 to 2015. During that time, I drove thousands of vehicles and I can truthfully say that the scariest and most dangerous were not the vehicles that hobbyists put time into modifying, it was the vehicles that owners had no mechanical knowledge of and neglected maintenance and repair. That is why we have the PMVI, to identify safety issues from damage or neglect. I Managed Princeville Chevron on Kauai in 1998-2000... I oversaw the PMVI operation there. Kauai County, like Maui and Hawaii Counties don't have a RECON program. With no RECON program on Kauai, there was no evidence of an increase of vehicles that were unsafe due to modifications. As seen elsewhere, a large percentage of failed components were on vehicles neglected by their owners for whatever reason.

Please repeal RECON.

Mahalo,

Patrick Green

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 9:20:46 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jordan Deveraturda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB57 for the removal of Recon inspection

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 9:37:29 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wayne Miyashiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill in its current form.

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bridget Evangelista-Gouveia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Aquino:

Good Morning Sir, I kindly ask that you please schedule SB 57. The bill eliminates the reconstructed car inspection requirement and makes other improvements to the safety check system, and has been referred to TRN, JHA, FIN.

The bill is supported by DOT and a vast community of car enthusiasts. Here is a link to SB57, where you can review the bill, and the voluminous supportive testimony:

[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure\\_indiv.aspx...](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx...)

The bill is a budget-neutral way to provide much-needed relief to car enthusiasts, and reduce bureaucracy/increase efficiency, while not compromising anyone's safety.

I thank you for your time and your consideration,

Mahalo,

Bridget Evangelista-Gouveia

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**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 10:30:08 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Salvador	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm a long time lowrider guy and my club always obey the law we are only out there to have a good time no speeding or making trouble just spending time with our family and friends and showing the trucks to the public I support getting rid of recon because many of the modifications on our trucks are done by certified welders and the use of grade A materials we never had any problems with the police or public during our outings here on oahu as long as we and all people of hawaii just obey the traffic laws and the officers then it will be a good thing for all car guys and gals mahalo

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 10:44:58 AM  
Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Imaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support bill SB57 SD2.

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 11:06:31 AM  
Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wayne Salvador	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need this reconstruction bill be gone because it hard to get in ur car or truck & get hassled because it to low or to Hi ALOHA &They should be looking at the safety check to Honolulu roads are dangerous an not safe to have someone tell me that my car or truck is not safe to go on the road ALOHA FROM CONCERN CITIZEN ALOHA TO U

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 11:12:45 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Avery J Tsui	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Lawmakers,

My name is Avery Tsui. I am a husband and father of three adult children. I make my living as an Estimator for a national electrical distribution company. I am a motorsport and car enthusiast.

I support SB57. The Vehicle Reconstruction Certification process is a time and financial burden to the citizens of Honolulu. While it is a State mandate, it is only enforced in Honolulu. In addition, it is difficult and confusing for businesses doing yearly Safety Check Inspections to interpret the requirements.

Respectfully, Avery Tsui



**LATE**

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 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 then 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.

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 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 that will repeal the need for this secondary vehicle safety inspection.

Aloha and mahalo,

James Hanson

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 12:41:47 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of SB-57 to repeal the Reconstructed Vehicle, Department of Transportation, Chapter 19-134. This Hawaii Administrative Rule has been in effect for decades and has only been enforced by the Department of Transportation on residents of Honolulu County. The current annual state vehicle safety inspection requirements coupled with police enforcement of vehicle infractions is more than sufficient to ensure the safety of the community.

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 1:05:07 PM  
Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shaun Coleman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I went in today to get recon for my vehicle because I lowered it and low and behold the inspectors were checking unnecessary things on my truck everything pass as for the height

But they failed me for having the wrong max load rating on my rear tires what in the world are they doing checking the load rating on my tires when they should be more focus on checking the suspension like the shocks, drop kit, upper & lower ball joints, leaf springs everything should be focused on the suspension not the tires the tires have nothing nothing nothing nothing nothing to do with lowering the vehicle then again he looks in my engine bay searching for H.I.D's in my headlights the headlights has nothing to do with lowering the vehicle. It's very annoying taking off from my job just to get recon then get failed because of unnecessary findings I live in wahiawa kapahulu is quite a bit of a travel

I really do shake my head at recon it's a waste of time and money the way to make money is to just go straight to the safety check station and have the normal routine inspection and just pay extra for modified vehicles for example regular inspection cost \$25.00 and for modified vehicles should pay \$50 I look forward to you guys getting rid of the most annoying law ever thank you very much for hearing me out.

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 2:16:17 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Menor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hi good afternoon,

My girlfriend, Kaila Mada, submitted testimony but she forgot to mention within her testimony two valid reasons why she felt Recon inspections are invalid at this point. Kaila shared a valid point that many cars driving on our Oahu roads have unapproved modifications because even after passing recon and safety regular inspections, how do we know if people arent modifying their cars right back to unapproved modifications? So its more than likely cars are driving around with unapproved modifications on Oahu roads yet no incidents of traffic hazards or accidents by HPD right? Honestly, more inspections are never a bad thing but not if its inefficiently being done. Either upgrade the handbook of rules or just get rid of Recon inspection. There is no middle or medium standards to inspections.

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 3:54:56 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeffrey Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in suport of this SB57.

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 4:25:42 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rodd	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am submitting written testimony to support this bill. This bill is to remove the reconstruction laws that are only present on Oahu. Not other state or island has this law in effect, which proves that this law is not needed in order to achieve safe roads. Roads are deemed unsafe by standard of "Driver Error" and Pot hole conditions. We car enthusiasts don't build our cars and truck to be unsafe, we build it to be safe. Why? Because we not only put the lives of our community members at risk of harm, but more importantly our own ohana. We build this for our family, and for ourselves. We build it safe, and we love this hobby. If this recon bill is removed, more residents will be reluctant to build and spend more on their hobbies, because we can. And when we do spend more, we also help with stimulating the economy, and to help better lives happiness in general.

Please, repeal this recon law so we can have some fun in this crazy life.

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 6:56:46 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Duane Degray	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in favor of SB57 and all it will change.

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 7:06:42 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 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 enthusiast here to submit written in support of bill SB57 to repeal reconstructed vehicle inspection. I feel the requirement for reconstructed vehicles to undergo and pass a separate vehicle inspection in order to pass safety check inspection is unnecessary. Many of the items inspected during the reconstructed vehicle inspection are already covered in the yearly safety check inspection. Honolulu is the only county in the United States that has such inspection required for reconstructed vehicles. I feel this is an unfair added cost being placed solely on owners of reconstructed vehicles when we already pay for a similar vehicle inspection during safety check.

There has been no recorded evidence that the addition of a reconstructed vehicle inspection makes a reconstructed vehicle safer for the public roads and highways. The written standards that these reconstructed vehicle inspectors use to inspect the vehicles are outdated. Also none of the current reconstructed vehicle inspectors are SAE certified. That makes them unqualified in determining what components on a reconstructed vehicle are safe or not for public road or highway use. They all rely on outdated written reconstructed vehicle rules to complete their inspection.

State departments should be made to work efficiently and be cost effective. The reconstructed vehicle inspection department is certainly not working efficiently and isn't cost effective because they are performing the same repetitive inspection tasks which are already covered in the yearly vehicle safety inspection. It is a waste of our taxpayer money for continued operation of the reconstructed vehicle inspection department. For which none of the reconstructed vehicle inspectors have any experience in the automotive industry to make a determination of what automotive components are safe or unsafe for our public roads or highways.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I support bill SB57 to repeal reconstructed vehicle inspection because it's ineffective and a waste of taxpayer money, it's unnecessary as many of the inspection points are already covered in the yearly vehicle safety inspection, and because I feel it's unfair for reconstructed vehicle owners only in Honolulu be targeted with such an additional cost for an inspection in order to pass the yearly vehicle safety inspection.

Mahalo and aloha,



Larry Chun

**LATE**

**SB-57-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 8:10:24 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/17/2021 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Emric Katada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to submit my support for SB57 which would effectively repeal the current (and antiquated) vehicle reconstruction law. I fully support having modified vehicles that are built to OEM safety/design specifications or higher utilizing quality parts and proper installation techniques, per the manufacturer's instructions. This can be verified by qualified inspectors at the various safety check stations throughout Oahu.

'Vehicles that are deemed unsafe, should not be allowed to be operated on our roadways until they meet all of the required safety parameters.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of my testimony in support of SB57.

v/r, Emric K. Katada

"[In opposition, representing as an individual "Scott"] – bebesmegma@gmail.com

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 their vehicles 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 (also seen as the "recon station" located on Kapahulu Ave.) 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."