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**S.B. 57**  
**RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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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.

Section 1 of the bill is unnecessary because all the items listed have been implemented for many years via administrative rules.

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 (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. 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.

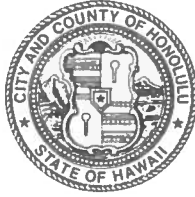
Crash data that is available do not indicate that reconstructed vehicles are a safety problem on Hawaii roads. However, the data that is needed to determine whether a vehicle defect caused an accident is rarely collected. Until such time that it can be shown that reconstructed vehicles are a safety problem,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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 18, 2021

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 224  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 57, 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, 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

Submitted by: Li Cobian.  
Organization: OMA  
Testifier Position : SUPPORT

IN SUPPORT OF SB57

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 of Hawaii with Recon inspection. It is an 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 than RECON and covers all safety aspects of motor vehicles . Li Cobian of OMA ( Oahu Motorsports Association)

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 8:56:49 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this bill to repeal the reconstruction permit requirements. Requiring a reconstruction permit is an unnecessary burden for automobile owners forcing an additional inspection that should be handled by an independent licensed safety inspector. Within the hawaii administrative rules for reconstruction permit, the requirement for a permit only extends to Honolulu county. This is extremely biased towards the island of Oahu. Statewide requirements for vehicles should be uniform across all counties, and reconstruction permits should be abolished. All of the other counties, apart from Honolulu county, have managed just fine for the last decades without the additional permit requirement.

In addition to the unfair bias towards Honolulu county motorists, the new safety inspection system requires multiple pictures to be uploaded for state monitoring, minimizing fraudulent safety checks and allowing constant oversight and assurance of the state of hawaii safety inspection system. With this new system in place, reconstruction permits should not be required, as the state can monitor for illegally modified or unsafe vehicles during annual safety inspections.

I strongly urge this governing body to adopt SB57 and abolish recon once and for all.  
Mahalo

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 10:12:48 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I support SB57 in its current form.

Mahalo,

Robert Mosteller

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 11:10:54 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a taxpayer of Honolulu, HI - the additional inspection requirement for reconstructed vehicles is a redundant process that should be eliminated. Taxpayers with vehicles are already required to have a safety inspection done annually prior to renewing vehicle registration. Now, car enthusiasts are forced to pay additional fees for another inspection to pursue their hobby and in order to pass an annual safety inspection. There are no clear instructions or guidelines for the recon inspection. Passing a recon inspection is determined on which inspector you get that day. Funds utilized for the recon program can be redirected to other efforts that are beneficial to taxpayers.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/13/2021 8:36:48 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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: 2/13/2021 9:31:22 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I SUPPORT SB57.

By visual estimate, it appears maybe one in ten vehicles on Oahu that should have reconstruction stickers (based on the current rules) actually have a sticker. From what I can tell, there is no enforcement. I don't see any public benefit from the inspection requirement. I don't see why it is limited to City and County of Honolulu. It should be repealed.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/13/2021 11:40:36 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

## Comments:

Aloha, I support this bill, specifically the repeal of the requirement for reconstruction permits for certain vehicles. The current law is antiquated (written in 1986), the current structure is insufficient, and there is little evidence that the roads are any safer due to the current reconstruction law. The current safety check system, which also has its own challenge, is already set-up for this purpose and should be inspecting many of the items required by the reconstruction law. In addition, the reconstruction law does not account for the many changes in the automotive industry over the years since it was written, particularly as it relates to suspension changes. Please repeal the current reconstruction permit law. Thank you.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/13/2021 5:48:56 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Eliminate Reconstruction permits! We already have safety checks to make sure our vehicles are safe. If a vehicle is reconstructed it should be the owners responsibility to make sure their vehicle is safe running order and if anything happens it would be reconstructed at their own risk.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/13/2021 9:23:07 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Full **SUPPORT** to repeal of RECON certifications on vehicles.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/13/2021 9:40:33 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<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 repealing RECON inspections

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/13/2021 10:06:25 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Angel morales	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Angel Morales,

I oppose the bill due to I've been an essential worker since the pandemic started, I work in town traveling from Waianae daily. I have a truck that I have been trying to get an appointment to get a recon and there is no availability even up to 2025. How does this state expect us who pays our registration has full coverage insurance be able to legalize our reconstructed vehicles with no availability? Also why have a recon if we have to past a safety inspection? Please help me make sense of that. Since this pandemic hit a lot of us has been struggling and working hard to support our families and the last thing we need is an extra stress factor. A lot of us don't have the luxury of taking off and even if we can, how much can you guarantee me I get an appointment? Please I ask you to please kill this bill, keep the safety check going but void reconstruction inspections..

Mahalo for your time and patience,

Angel Morales

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/14/2021 10:48:37 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sara Perry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Too many cars are driving around our roads with dangerous and illegal modifications already. I vehemently oppose any measure to relax the standards already in place. I oppose this bill removing the need for recon inspections and I am tired of seeing it come up year after year. Stop kicking the dead horse. When people cannot be counted on to be sure something so basic as their turn signal light bulbs and brake light bulbs remain operational, I think it would be madness to allow lifted vehicles with oversized tires and spiked lugnuts to roam our streets without valid documentation and standards of safety. Obviously citizens cannot be trusted to keep their vehicles in a safe condition. Consistently. Lifted vehicles are much more unstable in crashes, as well as when driven at higher speeds, and are often driven more irresponsibly, as young male testosterone and ego seems to take over versus reason and defensive driving habits. Removing the recon inspection will make our roads more dangerous as a free for all could and would likely then ensue.

However, I suggest an amendment to this bill that every inspection station has the allowance and capacity to properly inspect vehicles needing recon inspections. It is my understanding that there is only a small and limited number of inspection stations that offer this service presently. More easily accessible recon inspections would help alleviate people flagrantly breaking the law by driving uninspected and illegally. I also propose a harsher remedy for uninspected (and/or unregistered) vehicles: that police remove the license plates at the traffic stop as well as write a ticket. This should be a mandatory penalty and NOT at the officer's discretion. This has worked very well in states like California and New York to curb people driving vehicles with expired tags. Vehicles without license plates are much more noticeable, and police are more easily able to keep them off the roads when they continue to drive a "dirty" car after being ticketed initially.

Furthermore, I propose an amendment that vehicles being shipped into state, especially military, cannot leave the dock and travel on public roads without a valid inspection done at the port, and I would like to see an inspection station put in at the shipping facilities to this end.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 1:33:30 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Recon is a flawed, archaic system that establishes a redundant check on vehicle that was stood up decades ago. There currently lies no reason for it other than letting it stay in place because "that's the way it's always been". If safeties for vehicles already currently check all safety functions on a vehicle, then why require a process that takes weeks to months out to book, and when failed, require that same delay. This inhibits drivers from driving their own vehicle and requires alternate transportation and money, something that's already difficult in today's present situation.



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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 2:54:52 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<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 passing of SB57 to remove the requirements of Reconstruction inspections. The inspections can be accomplished by safety check inspectors. The inconsistent use of rules when going through the inspection also shows the character flaws of the inspectors themselves, and this is unbecoming of any kind of inspector or professional.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 7:08:05 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elmer Domingo	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Date should be changed to expire "5 years" from the date of issuance. Cars these days last longer and are better made. 5 years is fair and appropriate for a used vehicle.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 10:38:51 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

With respect, Chair Lee and Vice Chair Inouye,

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. 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**

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 11:58:04 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard	Testifying for tax paying citizen	Support	No

Comments:

In support of sb57

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 12:00:16 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<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 tedious and an unnecessary part of Hawaii's vehicle registration process and should cease to continue.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 12:37:38 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill simply because it is unnecessary. Other counties do not have a recon inspection what makes Honolulu different.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 6:18:58 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB57 to get rid of recon.



**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 7:31:39 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Growing up in Hawai'i, there was always a sense of pride where ever you go. People were always shown pride whether it was from where you come from, where you live, what school you may have graduated from, your family, your bloodline and so much more. Nowadays, especially during quarantine, our biggest and most prideful possessions are our vehicles. I personally was able to work on my vehicle during the lockdown and quarantine and bring it out to its best extent. Allowing all of Hawai'i a leeway to continue to work on our vehicles and have pride in both ourselves and our vehicles will allow us to continue to be proud of who we are and where we come from. Please continue to allow us to do so by not requiring us to obtain special inspections and/or certifications.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 7:42:24 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Could you guys please repeal the recon inspection thank you!

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 8:04:46 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jostin A Iriarte	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Senate Bill SB57.

I don't support recon as there is already an inspection station in place for all vehicles that requires annual inspections to be legally able to operate on the roadways. It is unfair that only the Honolulu County requires vehicle owners to possess a reconstruction permit while all other counties, Maui, Kauai, & Hawaii county do not. I've followed the law for many years by retaining a reconstruction permit for my vehicles & experienced changes which I feel to be unfair to the owners. 1 year they will say something is ok the next year they will say it is not. Also there is only 1 reconstruction station available at 1 location. I think it's simple enough for Safety check stations to complete a safety inspection without the nonsense. Vehicle owners who modify their vehicles put a lot of time and money into their vehicles already by maintaining them in a better manner than most. With all due respect please remove the reconstruction permit for the Honolulu county residents. Mahalo for your time

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 8:18:58 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Chad Ries, am in support of SB57. The reconstruction permit process is outdated, and their specific guidelines to follow aren't clear and never were. It seems like it's at the discretion of the individual doing the inspection. How is that even fair? We are the only island that has to deal with this process, and it's ridiculous. An annual safety inspection should be more than enough to make sure vehicles are safe and properly maintained for the road. I've been a professional mechanic since 2001, and never ever have I agreed with the reconstruction permit process.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 8:33:52 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lauren Mercado-Quihano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the repeal of recon

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 8:41:42 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern,

Please acknowledge my support for SB57, with regards to repealing the mandate for a separate safety inspection, outside of the existing inpection protocols. It is an unnecessary burden to the citizens and to the taxpayer.

Thank you,

Kent Kurihara

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 8:57:33 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Committee on Transportation,

My testimony is in support of SB57. The recon department has morphed over the years. The original intent was to help with stolen automotive parts and required receipts for all parts but now this is not even a requirement for recon. Hawaii being the only state in the USA to have these requirements I would like the department of transportation show a national study that shows by having this inspection we have safer cars on Oahu vs the rest of the nation. With the current safety check program here is Hawaii i feel that the safety check inspectors are more than adequate to perform inspections of any modified vehicle vs having a secondary inspections. I'D hope that you will support this bill and move it forward to help the auto enthusiasts on Hawaii forward. Have a great day.

Thanks,

Scott-Michael Waracka

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 9:10:13 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I completely agree with this bill to remove the requirement of a reconstructed permit. I've lived on Oahu for 30 plus years and reconstruction permit has always been sore point for any automobile enthusiast. Never have I seen an illegally modified vehicle be in an accident in the news, or personally know anyone that has been in an accident due to a bad modification. Safety check is already in place and it already is a point to ensure that vehicles are road safe, lights, turn signals, etc. We are the only state to have a reconstruction permit and everyone who visits, or moves to our states scratches their head why is it even there. It doesn't make any vehicle "safer" that it has passed reconstruction permit, it hasn't reduced the ammount of traffic fatalities, and it certainly does not put Oahu citizens at ease.



**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 9:15:54 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I don't see why we need safety or reconstruction if still got people still getting into accidents, safety inspectors aren't doing the legal way of inspecting vehicles, still got illegal vehicles riding on public roads, modified vehicles are still able to be ridden on road with or without safety checks or reconstruction. There's a lot of people out here on Oahu that doesn't feel the fact that we need reconstruction papers or safety if we are still having the same problems as before...

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 10:14:27 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher D. Dela Cruz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recon should not be a requirement, it is unaffactive and has no actual purpose. Safety already does what is needed and every individual that has a reconstructed vehicle has greater driving and safety precautions on the road. Reason being, drivers who modify their vehicle don't want to damage their hard work and time put into it.

**SB-57**

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Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please consider the repeal of the vehicle reconstruction permit system, the recon process is outdated and flawed.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 10:37:05 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<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 tax payer I am against reconstruction vehicle permits. It is a waste of time and taxpayer money. Built cars/trucks run better than half the cars on road.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 10:48:21 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please repeal recon inspection

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 10:53:22 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David U	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Reconstruction on Hawaii keeps roadways and citizens on the island safe.

Reconstruction isnt prohibiting modifications, they are just ensuring that they are done safely.

Why do people want recon appealed? So they can run large lifts and tires without mud flaps and fender flares, modified frames (which damage structural support), non approved DOT aftermarket parts.

Yes we do have safety check annually, but removing reconstruction will only add to vehicle breakdowns and problems which our roadways cannot handle because of no shoulder lanes on freeways and highways and the lack of save places to pull over on roadways.

Reconstruction is keeping a grip on the car community and insuring everyones safety.

In this time of social media and technology, people in the car community will go above and beyond to be noticed and recognized for modifications with disregard to safety and consequences.

Thank you

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 10:54:48 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear senator lee and senator inouye we respectfully request a hearing under TRS for SB57 to repeal the recon inspection

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 11:03:23 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello,

I would like to submit a testimony in support of passing this bill. I feel it is not necessary, and I'm sure money has a role in this. I would be willing to pay more at safety check inspection for a modified vehicle. This recon process is not necessary and it's flawed anyways. I am a law abiding citizen, pay all my bills, make sure all my insurance and safety check is up to date. I also work for the City and County of Honolulu, so I don't have a problem following rules. But I strongly feel recon is not necessary.

Thank you for your time and patience!



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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 11:16:42 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
alika canon-smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recon is a waste of time safety check inspectors can do the same inspection as recon inspectors I hate driving to town because there is only 2 recon inspection stations it's a hassle for a lot of people and stops people from registering there vehicles witch means less money for the state pass this bill and the people will be happy and the state will make more money to repair the roads witch is the real problem for accidents that happen on the road not the vehicles if the roads didn't have so much potholes the vehicles wouldn't get damaged causing an accident.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 11:18:26 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I have been building and modifying my own vehicles for as long as I can remember and I feel that recon is unnecessary. I support this bill to get rid of recon and hope this bill passes.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 11:41:59 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Kris Amero,

Am in firm support of repealing the recon permit system. Hawaii has always been home to many of the most gifted car builders in the country why are we trying to get rid of that diversity of culture. Seems utterly redundant for us to pass safety yearly as well as a recon. Safety provides an inspection for every other island to be legally driven on roads why should oahu be any different. All in all it seems unjust to have extra regulations for us.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 11:51:01 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
THOMAS J NISSEL	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In response to vehicle reconstructed vehicles, there is a loosely administered checklist that is followed by the inspectors in which much subjectivity seems to come into play during the inspection. We should eliminate recon inspections here in Hawaii. They are an additional step which could be accomplished at safety inspections to ensure that the vehicles are road safe. Individuals who work on their vehicles either by doing lifts, lowers, etc are more deeply involved with their vehicle then those with basic models. These vehicles are statistically better maintained then the average motor vehicle in Hawaii. To live in the only state that does a recon inspection penalizes individuals that want to enjoy the ways of the road. In the times of budget cuts, the recon office is one that could be gone without really hindering or hurting anyone (other than the inspectors).

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 12:23:23 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in support for repealing the need for a reconstructive inspection.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 12:24:51 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB57 to remove the requirements for reconstruction inspection of modified vehicles. It is redundant and a waste of time and resources to both the State and tax paying citizens of the State of Hawaii, specifically the constituents of the island of Oahu.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 12:29:47 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maddy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Reconstruction is not needed because the roads should be fixed first if reconstruction inspections are needed.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 12:31:01 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronald Retuta Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I feel funding that is spent on the inspection of reconstruction of vehicles could be used else where like education for the keikis



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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 1:12:31 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I choose to support no reconstruction needed while a vehicle is getting inspected. I want the bill to pass because we do not need reconstruction on vehicles.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 1:26:25 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support the removal of reconstruction safety check.

This safety check puts undue hardship on the Oahu taxpayers and crash data that is available do not indicate that reconstructed vehicles are a safety problem on Hawaii roads. Until such time that it can be shown that they are a problem, motor vehicle enthusiasts would welcome the discontinuance 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.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 1:54:11 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB57 and believe that RECON is unnecessary.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 2:11:26 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elliott-Kyle Kawika Mattos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to see recon done away with. It is nothing but a headache for anyone with a passion for custom vehicles. In my opinion it serves no valuable purpose or interest to the people but punishes them from enjoying a hobby that serves so many people and businesses.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 3:04:26 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB57!!

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 3:06:44 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

PLEASE REPEAL THE RECON!!!!!!

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 3:18:44 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Hawaii state legislature as a young boy from Waimanalo I have always grew up not being able to modify vechicle and having fun with the family so I hope we are about to do that some day.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 5:22:47 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hi my name is Austin Ramos,

My testimony is one of the many stories about how I got pulled over for reconstruction permit. I was taking waialea exit heading to waialea shopping center when there were about 3 dark blue police officers waiting outside of their cars in the Lowe's parking lot. Once they seen/heard me pass by they all immediately jumped in their cars and came after me. I was pulled over on the main road. I was with my girlfriend and she witnessed the entire thing. The car I had at the time was a silver Honda Civic Hatchback. Everything was up to date safety check registration and I also had reconstruction permit for the car too. My car was semi modified, I had aftermarket steering wheel, I removed back seats of my hatchback. I had exhaust it was lowered. I gave the officer all my paper work including the reconstruction permit paper work. Long story short they ended up rippin off my safety check sticker because they said my car was unsafe because I didn't have backseats. I asked them to show me the law or rule that says I can't have back seats. The officers couldn't show me anything. They were trying to make me look it up but I told them no they are the law so if there is such a law I would want them to show it to me but they couldn't. They looked at my paper work and on the reconstruction permit paper u have to list everything modified on your car and my tire size was not the same that was listed from when I got the recon permit. They didn't scrape my recon paper but they scraped my safety check sticker because they said my car was unsafe. But what I don't get is how can I pass safety check if my car is unsafe? How can I pass the reconstruction inspection if my car was unsafe? If my car was so unsafe then why did they scrape my safety check sticker off and let me drive off in an "unsafe vehicle"? The next day I went to go get another safety check inspection because they scraped it off and I passed with no problems. What i don't get is what is the point in having these special reconstruction permits and safety check inspection if we pass we're still going to get pulled over for it and ticketed for it anyways. We have the paper work for it and car is legal but police officers still tend to write us up tickets for everything? This is one of many stories I had experienced. Another one would be I was in kapolei by Denny's I got pulled over for aftermarket exhaust. He wrote me a ticket for it but on my recon papers it said I had that same exact exhaust on my car listed. If I passed recon inspection with that exhaust, why am I getting pulled over for it? It doesn't make sense. I think these recon inspections should really be put away because the other islands don't have them why should Oahu have them? What is the point in having it when the other islands don't?





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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 5:29:04 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear State legislators,

I Tuala Fautanu support that the Recon gets removed to help out the community on lessening stress for us to go out of our way to get Recon when we already have to get safety check. It will benefit a lot of us by saving time and money.

Mahalo,

Tuala Fautanu

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 5:37:51 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill. This will save the state money. With the current budget situation this is simple choice.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 6:51:27 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Recon has nothing to do with the way a person operates there vehicles so why are we limited to how we personalize our cars. Recon is pointless and should be removed from Hawaii laws. thank you aloha

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 6:53:17 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB57

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 6:59:51 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

In support of SB57, I believe that it will allow people to freely express themselves through their vehicles without the risk of having that freedom taken away from them. As a car enthusiast, I am able to visualise and understand the excitement and potential that a vehicle has to offer. Most of the people on our Islands share this same vision in their own unique ways. But with these special inspections and certifications, it will restrict an individual's potential to truly express their own feelings through their vehicle. This freedom to express ourselves in many different ways proves our humanity as it shows our individuality. I've heard and seen those that have put their entire lives into their vehicles and any person would be able to see that it brings them happiness. The source of this happiness comes from freely expressing ones true feelings. I firmly believe that the restrictions on this freedom are unjust and SB57 should be passed.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 7:45:28 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Recon should be removed completely because having it doesn't make our roads safer than without it. It's the driver that makes the roads safer. People that spend a ton of time and money on their vehicles are more careful drivers. Also a bunch of recon regulations are formed without any reason behind them. I want to do a solid axle conversion on my vehicle but a couple of years ago they decided that the only way it's possible for me to do so is to add on two extra forms of inspection. Yes it's not technically illegal to do it but impossible to accomplish because the DOT isn't gonna pass any automotive structural blueprints from an automotive structural engineer. There isn't any. All they did was make a law that's nobody can follow so that nobody can do it.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 7:50:51 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jazmine Adams-Clarke	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

I support the repeal of the Reconstruction permit for modified vehicles. O'ahu is the only island in Hawai'i that requires the inspection. I don't own a modified vehicle, but I have family that put a lot of time, hard work, and money into their cars and most won't pass the inspection for the smallest things. While other islands and states can modify as they please.



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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 8:18:26 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill, as a citizen, ASE certified professional, automotive enthusiast, and former safety check inspector.

all safety items are already inspected annually and deemed safe or unsafe by the respective stations as they should be, whether modified or not should make no difference. you may also see more vehicles being registered because of this bill which means more money for our already financially depleted state.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 8:51:02 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Moanatea Keliiliki-Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It does not make sense for Hawaii to have a recon sticker. It limits us to only do so much modifications to our cars, trucks, bikes, etc. the car and truck community here in Hawaii is so huge and it honestly keeps a lot of us out of trouble. Building vehicles for personal gain helps us work harder to achieve our goal. But with all these rules and safety inspections it restricts us from doing anything to our vehicles. Let's get rid of the recon sticker for good, and make Hawaii a better place.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 8:58:08 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
romeo padilla jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I, Romeo Padilla jr, am for this bill. Reconstruction stations is booked up until next year and to just get a copy of reconstruction papers it's such a hassle to go thru.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 9:20:13 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As an active duty military member, I've been lucky enough to call this beautiful place home for the next few years. Although, Hawaii may be the only state in the United States that requires safety inspections for motor vehicles it is effective and crucial to have vehicles that are safe to operate in these roads. However, as someone who had to go through recon in order to pass my safety it was a stressful experience even with a new vehicle with modifications that do not affect but in most cases improve the car's stability. I believe that most of these Recon requirements could be implemented on the safety checklist. When I did my recon, they only checked my tires to ensure they were street legal and places a ruler in front and on the rear to ensure that I was sitting at the appropriate height. I'm sure they did a few more testings but it wasn't anything that required any extra equipment. My question is, if recon is not utilizing any special equipment, how is this different than regular safety inspections!? They're not and we could just add those extra requirements to existing safety checks.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 9:24:06 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill should be passed. Recon does nothing to better our streets with safer vehicles. Most reconstructed vehicles are built to pass the inspection and then turned around and reconstructed outside of the limits of this law. Not to mention the law and its guidelines is completely outdated with modern technology. If a vehicle is properly inspected during the Safety Check process I see no reason to further require an additional permit. Safety Check requirements should properly address any "unsafe" reconstructed vehicles if modified in such a way.

Thank you for your consideration to this measure.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 9:52:31 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:30:15 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I believe that recon and the safety inspection should be taken away.

The roads are filled with potholes everywhere and I don't believe in paying for safety or recon, when the roads are not smooth and safe. if the roads were not filled with potholes sure I'll pay safety. Getting recon is another problem as for some vehicles that are lowered from the factory, the car came from the factory at this height I'm not going to do thousands of dollars to raise the vehicle when it came from the factory at this height.

Again I don't believe the need for Recon or the safety inspection till the roads are better.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 4:08:38 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill because I feel that it is a hassle to get a safety check and recon for my modified vehicle. This island is small and there is not much to do here so some modify their vehicles but most people are not able to mod their car the way that they want to because they have to go through recon to get a road legal. I feel that the safety check is enough to ensure that my vehicle is safe to drive on the road.



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Submitted on: 2/17/2021 7:52:51 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dallas Emosi	Testifying for Department of Defense	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Sir/ma'am,

It would be a major relief if you guys would repeal recon inspection as it does not prove anything. What is the purpose of recon inspection and why do we even need one ? I just don't get it, the other islands don't have one why should O'ahu ? Please repeal recon, one less unnecessary thing to worry about.

Thank you.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 8:32:51 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

all im gonna say is that the trucks we drive is safe. i feel is more safe than most cars on the road. we take care and keep our trucks on high maintenance . we love it. its a lifestyle

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 10:09:51 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

There is so much to say but I don't know where to start.

The appointment website have 0 appointments available on any and every month.

<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=14571419>

I work with the military. Many of them are forced to drive around illegally because they can't get an appointment, in turn safety inspection is not an option.

The reconstruction "bounce test": I believe many (not all) aftermarket suspension has tighter coils at the top, vs looser coils at the bottom. When pushing down on the car from the top, those tighter coils need to compress first. I can't give you the exact specifics behind this as I am not a myth buster.

Back in the 90s, I needed to mount my license plate with the bottom license plate holes, so that it would meet the license plate height requirement. I'm not the only one that did this. With that said, how many cars have you seen on the road driving around like this? The answer would be zero. People would change it back to normal after they leave. The inspectors knew this as well.

Is this still a thing? I know it was for a long time. If my vehicle came with fog/driving lights, and I lowered the vehicle, it would be illegal. But if another vehicle that came out of the factory has fog/driving lights, and is lower than mine, it's fine.

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 12:26:42 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Reconstruction permits for Vehicles are a waste of time. I have reconstruction permits for multiple vehicles that have aftermarket modifications done to the suspension systems. It's a hassle to get an appointment with the reconstruction site because there aren't many appointments available. When/if you get an appointment, you get your vehicle inspected at the reconstruction site. The recon inspectors at the reconstruction site make sure your suspension or other modifications are safe to be driven on the street. If your vehicle is declared safe to be driven on the street, you get your Reconstruction Permit/Certification for that vehicle. I see no point in getting a reconstruction permit/cert to declare my vehicle is safe to be driven if I have to get a yearly safety check done on my vehicle to declare my vehicle is safe to be driven. The safety check inspectors check the exact same areas of a vehicle that a reconstruction inspector would check to declare my vehicle is safe to be driven. There's no point in having a one-time Recon Inspection when there are already Safety Inspections that check the same areas of a vehicle yearly.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2021 4:56:32 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in support of this bill. Thank you for your committee's time.

**LATE**

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 9:36:04 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support repealing the need for a reconstruction inspection.

**LATE**

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 9:50:47 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Testimony in Support of SB57 & HB332

From: Tim Reimer [tim96819@yahoo.com](mailto:tim96819@yahoo.com)

Oahu Reconstruction Law

The Oahu Reconstruction Law is a very complicated, time consuming and expensive issue for anyone needing to get one. Here's how it works!

Step One: It is located on the other side of the island in Kapahulu which 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. Delete the Reconstruction Law as soon as possible... it's time!



**LATE**

**SB-57**

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Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB57, by repealing the reconstruction inspection and certification this will streamline the registration process for thousands of vehicle owners. This will do away with the duplicate process of inspecting a vehicle.

**LATE**

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/18/2021 9:41:54 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I support a repeal and or amendment of the Hawaii RECON/Inspection law. Back in 1965, the sole intention of this law was due to the growing problem of stolen auto parts. Jump forward to today, the RECON Inspection Station has evolved Operations as a Vehicle Modification Adversary. The Inspectors are not Certified Engineers in the Automobile Modification Industry, yet are authorized to issue a yay or nay on Modifications made to vehicles. The Un-Certified Operating Procedure results in inconsistency, to which some vehicles are failing for the same modifications that other vehicles have passed. It has become obvious that in order to improve your chance of getting your vehicle modifications passed, you shall catch an inspector on a good day or "know" someone. Otherwise, your chances of failing are greater. One example of inconsistencies of operations is the rule of thumb that the RECON guidelines are lenient on vehicles 1967 or older... yet we see modern vehicles with approved modifications, that should NOT be on 1968 and newer vehicles... but those vehicle owners got lucky... or knew someone at the RECON Station.

Honolulu County's exclusive RECON program does not improve safety on our roadways. The Counties of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai DO NOT have a RECON Program and there is no data showing that their roadways are un-safer because of it. All Hawaii State Counties have Modified Vehicles operated on public roadways... in fact, as do all of the other 49 USA States, yet Honolulu is the only County with a redundant RECON program. All Counties in the State of Hawaii already have a PMVI, aka the Annual Safety Inspection. As the Counties outside of Honolulu have demonstrated, the PMVI is sufficient to monitor and regulate unsafe components on both Modified and Unmodified Vehicles.

Honolulu County has only one RECON station to serve a population with over 600,000 registered vehicles. This is a huge inconvenience as the operating hours change frequently and vehicle owners from across the island who trailer or tow in their vehicles are turned away because of a change in scheduling... or the station over-booked themselves for the day.

All in all, there is no benefit to the State of Hawaii from the RECON program. The Budgeted Administration Cost could be applied on better Transportation Programs.

Please repeal RECON.

Mahalo.

**LATE**

**SB-57**

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Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edwin Kalamau-White III	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It would mean a lot too this island. It's a passion for us local people to drive in style, too low car, low trucks, high lifted truck. No word can explain how we feel. Saying I'm a truck guy I love low truck with airbag or just being low. I use my truck for work, daily and yes it is low. ʻŌiā™ ʻŌiā• ½ Aloha and may god continue to bless us all

**LATE**

**SB-57**

Submitted on: 2/18/2021 1:40:05 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha House or Representatives,

I'm a registered voter and a car enthusiast here today to submit written in support of bill SB 57 to repeal the requirement of reconstructed vehicle inspections. Oahu is the only island that has and antiquated law that requires a reconstructed vehicle to undergo another special inspection along with a safety check inspection before it's deemed safe for public roads and highways. I feel this unfairly targets us motorsports and car enthusiasts because it forces us to to go through and pay for another unneeded vehicle inspection. None of the reconstructed vehicle inspectors currently are SAE certified and don't have the knowledge or experience to deem what parts on a reconstructed vehicle are safe or not. Also the current reconstructed vehicle law is antiquated doesn't prove that by subjecting a vehicle thru this type of inspection will make it any safer for public highways and roads than just getting a safety. For those reasons I have listed above, I support bill SB 57 tor repeal the need for a reconstructed vehicle inspection

Aloha and mahalo,

Larry Chun