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Testimony of  
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

HOUSE BILL 1686  
RELATING TO DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION

Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ilagan, and members of the committee:

The Office of the Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) **supports this bill with comments**, which requires the Director of Transportation to establish and implement a digital identification program.

ETS requests including the State Chief Information Officer (CIO) or designee to those assisting the Department of Transportation and other departments in assessing opportunities to expand use of common digital identifications among multiple customer application systems, and to improve the security of on-line and mobile government services.

ETS has a similar pilot project underway to establish a single online identity for citizens to use to access various state systems. We recommend the two systems work together to provide citizens with the greatest benefit.

Paragraph (c) of the bill states that the digital identification shall not be used or accepted for compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005. The United States Department of Homeland Security appears to be evaluating adding digital ID to the REAL ID Act ([see Docket No. DHS-202-0028](#)). Therefore, we recommend deleting this paragraph.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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**H.B. 1686**  
**RELATING TO DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1686, which requires the Director of Transportation to establish and implement a digital identification pilot program.

The DOT is supporting the City & County of Honolulu which has an agreement with Apple on a pilot program to test the technology. There are benefits to digital identification which will enable users to access their identification via their password protected cellular phones. This will provide an enhanced layer of security for driver's license holders, who do not have to worry about carrying or losing a physical license.

Additionally, we support the implementation of a law enforcement version that can be used as proof of identity in law enforcement settings. This is vital, as the police may need to identify the person in the event of an emergency such as a motor vehicle crash. We also support that the bill recognizes that the digital identification shall not be used or accepted as valid proof of identification for purposes of compliance with the Real ID Act of 2005.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Statement Before The  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022  
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Via Video Conference & Conference Room 423

in consideration of  
**HB 1686**

**RELATING TO DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION.**

Chairs AQUINO, Vice Chair ILAGAN, and Members of the House Transportation Committee

Common Cause Hawaii provides comments on HB 1686, which requires the Director of Transportation to establish and implement a digital identification pilot program.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to reforming government and strengthening our representative democracy through voting modernization efforts such as adopting Automatic Voter Registration (AVR). AVR was passed by this Legislature in 2021 and signed into law as Act 126, SLH 2021.

Common Cause Hawaii provides comments inquiring as to how HB 1686 will interface with AVR, Act 126, SLH 2021. "Digital identification" is defined to include driver's licenses and government-issued identification cards issued in a digital format at page 4, lines 9-11. AVR, Act 126, SLH 2021 provides an application for voter registration shall be part of the issuance of an identification card and driver's licenses. Further, Section 5 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 requires that any motor vehicle driver's licensing transaction must provide an opportunity to register to vote. Such an opportunity, to be meaningful, should be part and parcel of and integrated with the licensing transaction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 1686. If you have questions for me, please contact me at [sma@commoncause.org](mailto:sma@commoncause.org).

Very respectfully yours,

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February 1, 2022

**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino  
Chair, House Committee on Transportation  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 419  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: HB1686, RELATING TO DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION**

Representative Aquino:

NEC Corporation of America (NEC) is pleased to support HB1686, a bill relating to digital identification (ID) that you and Representatives Cullen, Ilagan, and Yamane introduced. We commend the Hawaii state legislature on considering this forward-looking program that could help Hawaii join more than twenty other innovative states in considering, testing, and/or launching digital driver's licenses.<sup>1</sup> Digital ID solutions can improve the accuracy and efficiency of authenticating and verifying identity and can even securely do so in contactless and remote settings, which has become increasingly vital during the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>2</sup> Furthermore, several features of digital ID solutions, including their ability to empower ID holders to provide different amounts of personal information in different settings, can provide stronger privacy protections than traditional physical ID cards can.<sup>3</sup> Recognizing these benefits, the federal government is increasingly working to leverage digital ID solutions. For example, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is in the process of fielding capabilities to allow travelers to opt in to using a digital ID at TSA security checkpoints, reducing the need to exchange physical documents and making the security screening process faster and smoother. HB1686 can set the stage for enabling Hawaii residents to participate in this TSA program and other opportunities that may arise.

NEC delivers one of the industry's strongest and most innovative portfolios of identity management and information and communications technology (ICT) solutions for private-sector and federal, state, and local government customers. Our diverse solutions support enterprise-wide digital transformation and enhance user experience, safety, and productivity throughout the United States and around the world. One of the world's top patent-producing companies, NEC Corporation combines advanced technologies, services, knowledge, and our 120 years of operating experience to help promote safety, security, fairness, and efficiency and build a more sustainable world in which all people have the opportunity to reach their full potential. NEC is proud to have a presence in Hawaii and of the work our talented Hawaii workforce and local technology partners are doing to deploy cutting-edge technologies. We are committed to continue investing in business opportunities and building relationships throughout Hawaii, and we would be eager to serve as a resource to Hawaii policymakers who are interested in learning more about identity management technologies and/or in exploring opportunities to support digital identity programs.

Sincerely,  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2021/10/11/digital-drivers-license-mdl/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.governing.com/next/mobile-drivers-licenses-could-pave-way-for-more-digital-ids>

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*