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**H.B. 2491**  
**RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Hawaii Department of Transportation **supports H.B. 2491**, which amends sections 286-234 and 286-249, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to adopt federal penalties for commercial driver's license violations.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has determined that Hawaii's penalties for commercial motor vehicle employers and drivers with out-of-service violations and railroad-highway grade crossing violations are not in compliance with federal regulations. The proposed changes will ensure compatibility with federal compliance by allowing the State to conform to federal regulations.

This bill will update the special penalties related to commercial motor vehicle employer and driver out-of-service violations and railroad-highway grade crossing violations to conform with federal regulations.

Failure to comply with federal regulations may jeopardize funding Hawaii currently receives from FMCSA.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.