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S.B. 1216, S.D. 1
RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES

Senate Committees on Commerce & Consumer Protection and Ways & Means

The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 1216, S.D. 1, which adds a requirement for certain commercial driver's license applicants to complete an entry-level driver training course before taking a skills test for licensure. The bill also exempts applicants who hold a valid commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license obtained prior to February 7, 2022.

The purpose of the bill is to establish a legal basis for implementing title 49 Code of Federal Regulations part 380, subpart F, which requires entry level driver training for certain applicants for a commercial driver's license or endorsement. A housekeeping amendment was also included.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration can withhold federal funds from states that fail to implement this entry level driver training requirement by February 7, 2022. In Hawaii, the amount withheld would be \$6,185,220.00 for the first year of noncompliance and \$12,370,440.00 for the second and subsequent years. Approximately two-thirds of all states have already this requirement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.