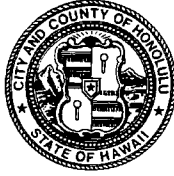


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March 15, 2022

The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
The Honorable Greggor Ilagan, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee on Transportation
State Capitol, Conference Room 419
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair Greggor Ilagan, and Members of the
Committee on Transportation,

SUBJECT: S.B. No. 2679 S.D.2 - Relating to Driver's Licenses

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD), Motor Vehicles, Licensing and Permitting Division (MVLP), strongly supports S.B. No. 2679 S.D.2 Relating to Driver's Licenses, which would require any licensee over the age of seventy-two to renew their driver's license every four years, and any licensee over the age of eighty to renew every two years.

MVLP handles all requests and inquiries for new and renewal of driver licenses as well as state identification cards for the island of Oahu. We are committed to upholding high standards of service to our communities. This bill will allow our older drivers to come in for a license renewal less often. This bill would also bring our state renewal requirements closer to the requirements of the majority of the states in the United States.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. No. 2679 S.D.2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly M. Hashiro".

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**The State Legislature
The House
Committee on Transportation
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
10:30 a.m.**

TO: The Honorable Henry Aquino, Chair

RE: S.B. 2679 S.D. 2 Relating to Drivers' License

Aloha Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social mission organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of 38 million nationwide and over 140,000 in Hawai'i.

AARP Hawai'i appreciates and supports this measure to extend the renewal period for older drivers from two to four years. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the driver license renewal process for all Hawaii drivers as local motor vehicle stations reduced the daily number of customers served and made other operational changes due to public health safety. This has resulted in extensive backlog and delays which have made it increasingly difficult for everyone to renew their license on a timely basis. Extending the renewal process from two to four years for older drivers reduces the frequency to update their driver's license. This alleviates the license renewal burden on the driver as well as the local department of motor vehicle stations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support on S.B. 2679 S.D.2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keali'i E. Lopez". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Keali'i Lopez, AARP Hawai'i
State Director

SB-2679-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 3:10:47 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anne Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Representative Aquino, Chair, Representative Ilagan, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

I support S.B. 2679, S.D.2., but suggest a change.

People live much longer than they used to and most people in Hawaii are active in their 70s and 80s and some even into their 90s. The current President of the United States is 79 and will turn 80 this year. The immediate past President is 75. If people in their 70s and 80s can lead our nation, then certainly people of that age can be trusted to drive without having to renew their driver's licenses every 2 years. This bill recognizes and respects the rights and abilities of people as they age rather than treating them as being less competent than the rest of the population. Accordingly, I support the bill. However, I suggest that the age range for 4 year licenses be changed to 72 – 89 years of age, instead of 72 – 79 years of age.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Anne Anderson

SB-2679-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 4:36:53 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
mary freeman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Freeman

Ewa Beach

SB-2679-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 7:05:22 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB2679. This is overdue. Please pass this bill. Thank you.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

SB-2679-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 8:52:14 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul A. Ireland Koftinow	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Ireland Koftinow

SB-2679-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 10:31:43 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chandra Kanemaru	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Representative Aquino, Chair, Representative Ilagan, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

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Respectfully submitted,
Chandra Kanemaru

SB-2679-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 5:55:17 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Primrose Leong-Nakamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Representative Aquino, Chair, Representative Ilagan, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee:

I support S.B. 2679, S.D.2., but suggest a change.

People are living longer in Hawaii and are quite active up to their mid-90s. The current President of the United States and immediate past President are up there in age and don't look at all incompatible as they lead our nation. People of that age can be trusted to drive without having to renew their driver's licenses every 2 years. This bill recognizes and respects the rights and abilities of people as they age rather than treating them as being less competent than the rest of the population. Accordingly, I support the bill. However, I suggest that the age range for 4-year licenses be changed to 72 – 89 years of age, instead of 72 – 79 years of age.

Respectfully submitted,

Primrose Leong-Nakamoto

SB-2679-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 1:49:14 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to move this bill forward. I went through the two year renewal process in the midst of the pandemic. Fortunately, I was able to renew by mail, something which should be a permanent option. That option was only available for several months and I met the criteria. This was at a time when COVID numbers were high and drivers' license offices were closed for days and weeks on end because employees had tested positive.

People live much longer than they used to. Most people in Hawaii are active in their 70s and 80s. Some even into their 90s. The current President of the United States is 79 and will turn 80 this year. The immediate past President is 75. If people in their 70s and 80s can lead our nation, then certainly people of that age can be trusted to drive without having to renew their driver's licenses every 2 years. This bill recognizes and respects the rights and abilities of people as they age rather than treating them as being less competent than the rest of the population. In fact, many of them are more competent than the younger folks who are not discriminated against and are not forced to renew their licenses every two years.

TESTIMONY OF
LARRY S VERAY

TO THE COMMITTEE ON:
TRANSPORTATION

MOST STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 2679 SD1
RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES

March 14, 2022

Aloha, Chair Aquino and Vice Chair Ilagan and committee members. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2196 SD1. Although I am the Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21, I am submitting this testimony as an individual 72 years old with a good driving record.

Our Kupuna live a healthy life style in Hawaii which allows them to be alert with good driving records. In fact, they are role models for the younger generation and they are not at a higher risk for accidents. This bill will extend the current drivers license renewal period from two to four years for licensees who are 72 years of age or older to 80.

I most strongly urge you to approve SB 2679 SD1. Mahalo!

Very respectfully,

Larry S. Veray

SB-2679-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 6:39:02 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JANICE FUKUDA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Senators,

I strongly support this bill that is long overdue in extending the Hawaii Driver License renewal period from 2 years to 4 years for drivers age 72 but younger than 80. The updated CDC life expectancy tables is a reflection of the changing demographics and residents are living longer, healthier lives especially in Hawaii. Many residents in this age span are still working or actively engaged in a wide range of social, community and spiritual organizations as well. Allowing this change will support your constituents instead of penalizing them.

I urge you to finally pass legislation to extend the renewal period and take action to effectuate meaningful change in minimizing beauracracy in Hawaii one step at a time.

Janice Fukuda

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SB-2679-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 11:23:33 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stacey Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The make up of kupuna age 72-80 years old is evolving - many lead active lifestyles and are physically and mentally fit. I am in support of extending the license renewal period from 2 years to 4 years to best match their active lifestyles and aide in their ability to maintain their independence.