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H.B. 2492, H.D. 1
RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

The Hawaii Department of Transportation **supports H.B. 2492, H.D. 1**, which revises sections 286-236, 286-240 and 286-241.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to meet new federal regulations for commercial driver's licenses when the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse prohibits a driver from operating a commercial vehicle due to alcohol and drug violations.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 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.

Beginning November 18, 2024, all states must request information from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. If a state receives notification the applicant is prohibited from operating a commercial motor vehicle, the state must not issue, renew, or upgrade the commercial learner's permit or must downgrade the commercial driver's license as stated in title 49 Code of Federal Regulations sections 383.73(q).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.