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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DAYNA TAVAKE	HONOLULU TOWING INC.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB1577 to include recovery fees for overturned vehicles in Hawaii. As a towing company that provides emergency accident recovery services, we understand the challenges and costs associated with responding to and recovering vehicles involved in accidents. In many cases, the costs of labor, equipment, and resources far exceed the fees that we are unable to charge.

By allowing fees to be charged for overturned vehicles, towing companies will be better equipped to cover their costs and ensure that they can continue to provide prompt and reliable services to those in need.

We believe that this bill is a necessary step to support the towing industry and ensure that towing companies can continue to serve their communities effectively. We urge you to consider supporting this bill and helping to ensure that towing companies are able to operate successfully and provide the critical services that our communities rely on.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Dayna Tavake

President

Honolulu Towing Inc.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
annette opetaia	Aizeah'z Towing	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf Aizeah'z Towing, we support this bill for numerous reasons. Inflation has risen significantly and we have not had a change of pricing in the towing industry since the year of 2008.

The cost of living in Hawai'i too has risen over the years and I feel a change in our towing pricing should reflect to the change of our economy.

As a small business owner, this bill could help our company grow financially. We SUPPORT this bill!

Shawn Stillman
Regarding HB1577
February 27, 2024



My name is Shawn Stillman and I am a concerned Owner/Operator of SS Towing HI. I am a father to two children whom I am the sole provider for. I have been in the towing industry for 15 years. I would like to humbly ask for your time to consider my concerns. I am testifying on how the towing industry lacks the support of not only the public but also outside agencies.

In my personal experience I have encountered numerous of recoveries where my life gets put at risk. There have been instances where it has taken two or more hours to recover the vehicle depending on the circumstances. An accident can range from a minor fender bender, a vehicle flipped over in the ditch, having to recover miles off the road to a vehicle split into three pieces. In these type of situations, it takes much longer and requires more labor and the proper knowledge and expertise to complete the job.

Today I wanted to share my story with everyone to elaborate on the risks, labor, and lack of compensation for the towing industry. I would like for the public and outside agencies to understand how my job as a tow truck operator is not taken lightly and how anything can happen at any given time. Support from the public and outside agencies for fair compensation on the more complex jobs would be very helpful.

Your consideration of these matters and solutions is very much appreciated. Thank you for your time and understanding of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Shawn Stillman
SS Towing HI – Owner/Operator

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Kidd	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Tow companies are the most corrupt and prey on people. I oppose any measure to put more money in these companies pockets and propose a review to tow companies practices

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Mary Jo Rivera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB1577. I am in support of this bill. The towing industry has not received any price increases in over 15 years. The HRS 290-11 has never been clear in regards to recoveries. When the towing company performs a recovery special equipment is required therefore they should be able to charge accordingly. Thank you for your time.

Mary Jo Rivera