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S.B. 1403
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 1403, which allows the Director of Transportation to upgrade the motor carrier vehicle inspections in the State by authorizing changes to the program to be implemented by administrative rules.

Amending administrative rules is a more efficient means of making changes and adapting more quickly to the changing needs of the program. This bill gives the director authority to make program changes using the process established in chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The proposed legislation will allow the program to be run more efficiently, thereby improving service and value to the public. The interests of the public are protected by public hearings that allow an opportunity for public input on any administrative rule amendment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON SB 1403 RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE INSPECTIONS**

Aloha Chair Lee and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 350 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association opposes this bill. Our concern is why is this only applicable to commercial motor vehicles? We do not understand why it so necessary to pinpoint only these vehicles. If it is a good system it should apply to everyone.

Currently, everyone has an opportunity to plead their case before elected representatives. This is an avenue we should maintain the right to utilize.

Mahalo.