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**H.B. 368**  
**RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE SUN SCREENING DEVICES**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** H.B. 368, which exempts from restrictions on light transmittance percentages, up to a certain percent, of certain motor vehicle sun screening devices for persons having light sensitivity of the eyes due to a medical condition.

The DOT opposes this bill as this would not comply with the minimum light transmittance requirements under 49 Code of Federal Regulations section 393.60(d), Coloring or tinting of windshields and windows, which requires the parallel luminous transmittance through the colored or tinted glazing is not less than 70 percent (30 percent tint) of the light at normal incidence in those portions of the windshield or windows which are marked as having a parallel luminous transmittance of not less than 70 percent.

Additionally, darker tint can reduce visibility, making it harder for drivers to see vulnerable roadway users such as pedestrians, bicyclists, and others especially at night. It may also hinder vulnerable road users and other drivers from observing the driver's awareness or intent, increasing the risk of miscommunication on the road.

The DOT recommends for persons with a light sensitivity medical condition to use the same preventive measures they would use for this condition while operating a motor vehicle.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**HB-368**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 10:16:16 AM

Testimony for TRN on 1/28/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keola T. Keahiolalo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support for this bill revision and am sure some adjustments need to be made. Other states have medical exemptions for window tint. Even governor Liaison Dana Hazelton as a nurse understands that we live in a very sunny state and she herself experienced something medical on her left side which is mostly our driver side exposure. I support bringing tint levels to 20% for people with medical reasons. I don't feel the sunglasses and sunscreen should be in there as that would probably disqualify people since they can wear sunglasses and sunscreen and probably already do. We know we spend much of our lives on the road and in traffic and are exposed to the sun and we know from science and the medical fields that the sun's effect is not always good. As a former first responder I know 20% tint will not make any hardship or safety issues for our police officers and I agree that instead of imposing rules that forbid people to take care of their health we should rather require windows to be rolled down and make yourself visible for our law enforcement if pulled over unless it's pouring rain. Currently people are already doing illegal tint blacking out windshield and sides taking off for safety check and reapplying. I don't think police should be tasked with enforcing it because they are needed for much bigger issues. Applying a 80% tint on windshield does not affect visibility for driver both day and night it's basically clear and provides much needed health protection. There are many out there who take preventive steps for their health issues and skin issues and this also is one of them. It is not a black out tint option to hide but a reasonable amount of tint to be lowered for those with medical reasons and Drs note. Reapplying every two years should be every 4 as many of these conditions won't go away as Dana Hazelton agreed as a nurse. Please consider passing this much needed bill. Thank you for your time and support. God bless.

**HB-368**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:41:44 AM

Testimony for TRN on 1/28/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

I support this bill because lowering the window tint percentage from 35% to 20%- on side windows and 80% on front windshield can help protect against skin cancer by blocking UV rays.

**HB-368**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:32:30 PM

Testimony for TRN on 1/28/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angela Berger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Here is my testimony and written statement regarding current tint laws and changes I would like to see be made or considered.

1) Allow windshield tint of 80%. Current law allows only for 70% light transmission, and adding 80% tint would bring it down just a tad under that to 68% or so. The current allowance for a 4” line on the windshield at 5% tint offers minimal benefit for occupants.

2) Permit truck front windows to have 20% tint instead of the current 35%, as a 15% difference significantly improves light reduction. Trucks and SUVs should continue to be allowed 5% tint in the rear. For cars, 20% tint all around should be permissible for medical reasons or legalized generally.

3) Adjust traffic stop regulations to prioritize officer safety by requiring drivers to make themselves visible.

4) Introduce medical waivers for darker tints, and also to include medical waivers to vehicle registration or providing a sticker or card for safety check personnel and law enforcement. Clear guidelines would ensure smoother enforcement and compliance for those with valid exemptions.

Health Justifications:

- Conditions like photophobia, photosensitivity, and skin disorders necessitate reduced sun exposure. Other medical justifications may include sensitivity to LED headlights, which are increasingly common and particularly problematic in darker areas on several parts of the island.

Many states already allow medical exemptions:

- Connecticut permits tints around 20-32% with a simple form submission.

- North Carolina allows for darker tints with 5-year renewals for photosensitivity. LED headlights and intense sunlight exacerbate these conditions, particularly in areas without significant artificial lighting.

- Georgia provides allowances for medical reasons, possibly as low as 9%.
- South Carolina accepts optometrist documentation, requiring proof to be kept in the vehicle, valid for 5 years.
- New York also allows exemptions for specific conditions.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely, Angela Berger