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H.B. 472
RELATING TO DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **has comments on H.B. 472**, which allows for a digitized identification card to be accepted as a valid form of identification, under certain conditions. Authorizes state and county law enforcement agencies to accept a digitized identification card as proof of a person's identity.

The HDOT has concerns as digitized identification would be replacing the physical state-issued identification cards. The entities that manage the Driver Licensing and Identification System should be made aware to ensure that all proper means to secure the system have been met prior to initiating digitized identification.

The difference between a digitized identification and Mobile Driver's License (mDL), is the mDL compliments the physical state-issued credential rather than replacing it.

In August 2024, the HDOT implemented mDL which permits residents to add their driver's license or identification to an Apple digital wallet that allows users to present the digital or mobile form of their credential to verify to the extent permitted by Federal and/or State laws, identity and eligibility, with the Transportation Security Administration instead of presenting your physical state-issued credential. The mDL is a more simplified way to verify your identity, however a physical credential is still required to be in your possession as it may need to be presented in certain circumstances, including but not limited to, interactions with law enforcement and in States/counties that do not recognize the mDL program.

As of current, 25,295 residents have been provisioned with an mDL, 995 of that total is for state identification cards.

The HDOT is currently meeting with Google to expand mDL for Android users.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

A digital ID just makes sense in Hawaii. It will help facilitate digital commerce and have practical real world benefits. I urge this Committee to SUPPORT this bill!