



STATE OF HAWAII | KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAII'
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | KA 'OIHANA ALAKAU
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

March 25, 2025
10:01 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 016

H.B. 472, H.D. 1, S.D. 1
RELATING TO DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION

Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports H.B. 472, H.D. 1, S.D. 1**, 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 supports the option for digitized identification to be accepted as a valid form of identification. The HDOT asks that the four county 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.