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**H.B.1163**  
**RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSING**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports H.B. 1163**, which amends section 286-236, HRS, to meet current federal regulations to allow the State to issue a limited-term non-domiciled commercial learner's permit (CLP) and non-domiciled commercial driver's license (CDL) for applicants who are unable to provide proof of citizenship or lawful permanent residency.

In June of 2024, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) notified the State that citizens of the Freely Associated States (FAS), which include Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau, are eligible only for the non-domiciled CDLs and CLPs described in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, sections § 383.71(f) and § 383.73(f). The FMCSA has issued a finding against the State relative to State's CDL program when it was discovered that the State has been issuing full-term CDLs and CLPs to citizens of the FAS.

Allowing for issuance of a non-domiciled CLP and CDL would provide a solution to the FMCSA finding against the state as well as allow other foreign citizens who are unable to provide proof of citizenship or lawful permanent residency the opportunity to obtain a limited-term CLP/CDL in Hawaii.

The HDOT urges your support of this bill so that foreign citizens can continue to work in this field that is already impacted by a shortage of CDL drivers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**HB-1163**

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Testimony for TRN on 2/13/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frank Schultz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If you cannot provide proof of citizenship or lawful permanent residency, you should not be issued a license for anything, period. This allows illegal aliens the opportunity to work and remain in the United States illegally.