



March 13, 2019

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
ON SB 1378 SD1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Aloha Chair Aquino and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 375 members involved with the commercial ground transportation industry.

HTA supports this bill.

A shipping container undergoes tremendous hardships in their normal working environment. They are subject to contact with towing equipment, other containers, and anything else it may be in proximity to. They are constantly exposed to weathering: salt air spray, blazing sun, and pouring rain.

In short, containers take a beating and whatever receptacle houses its' registration faces the same conditions. It is too perilous an existence to trust such a valuable legal document to.

Mahalo.

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park
On Behalf of Matson
Support of SB1378, SD1 with Amendments
Before the House Committee on Transportation
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Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Committee Transportation,

Matson strongly supports SB1378, SD1, Relating to Transportation with amendments.

A shipping container chassis is a wheeled frame that is designed to carry a shipping container over the road. It is a simple device composed of a steel frame, tires, brakes, and a lighting system. Typically, a container is loaded to a chassis and then hooked up to a truck, which delivers the container. Matson owns the chassis but does not own the truck that hauls the container and the chassis.

Currently, owners of shipping container chassis must keep the original copy of the chassis registration with the chassis. Chassis do not contain compartments that allow for storage of registration documents. In addition, it is unfeasible to keep a copy of the chassis registration in a truck because Matson does not assign specific shipping container chassis to specific trucks to ensure containers are able to move in the most efficient manner. While Matson has tried to secure the original copies to the chassis, it is very impractical because of the chassis design.

This measure enables owners of the chassis to keep the original copy of the chassis registration in the principal place of business for inspection. This provision is similar to allowing rental car companies to keep the original copy of the motor vehicle registration available for inspection at the principal place of business.

We appreciate the amendments made by the Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Health. We respectfully request that your Committee amend this measure to make it even clearer that owners of shipping container chassis are not required to keep copies of the chassis' registration, motor vehicle identification card, certificate of insurance, and certificate of inspection on the chassis itself. Specifically, we believe that adding the following highlighted language at page 4, line 3 would address the issue:

"(3) Chassis used for transporting shipping containers. The owner of a chassis used for transporting shipping containers shall not be required to keep the original or a copy of certificate of registration, motor carrier vehicle identification card, certificate of insurance and certificate of inspection on the chassis. These businesses may keep the original certificate of registration, motor vehicle identification card, certificate of

insurance, and certificate of inspection available for
inspection at their principal place of business within the
State."

Thank you for considering this testimony in strong support with amendments.