

SB1378

Measure Title: RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.
Report Title: Certificate of Registration; Shipping Container Chassis
Description: Authorizes an owner of a shipping container chassis to keep a duplicate copy of the certificate of registration within the shipping container chassis; provided that the original is available for inspection at the principal place of business.
Companion:
Package: None
Current Referral: TRS, CPH
Introducer(s): INOUYE, KIDANI, Baker, Dela Cruz, English, Kanuha, Nishihara, Shimabukuro

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park
On Behalf of Matson
Support of SB1378
Before the Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Health
February 26, 2019

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Health,

Matson strongly supports SB1378, Relating to Transportation.

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 respectfully request that your Committee amend this measure to allow owners of shipping container chassis to keep the original copies of the chassis' registration, motor vehicle identification card, certificate of insurance, and certificate of inspection at the owner's principal place of business in the State and to clarify that the owner is not required to keep a copy on the chassis itself.

Thank you for considering this testimony in strong support.