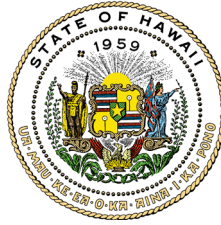


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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2679 SD2, HD1
Relating to Driver's Licenses

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
REPRESENTATIVE AARON LING JOHANSON, CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE LISA KITAGAWA, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: March 30, 2022
2:00 PM

Room Number: 329
Via Videoconference

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
2 of Health, supports SB2679 SD2, HD1, Relating to Driver's Licenses.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this measure is to extend the driver's license
4 renewal period from two years to four years for licensees who are seventy-two years of age or
5 older but younger than eighty years of age.

6 COVID has shown the importance of the health and safety of staff and customers in public
7 spaces. This extension for licensees minimizes in-person visits for older adults to the Motor
8 Vehicle Department offices and helps reduce the spread of COVID-19.

9 **Recommendation:** The EOA supports increasing the renewal period from two to four years for
10 licensees who are seventy-two years of age or older, but younger than eighty years of age.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**The State Legislature
The House
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Wednesday, March 30, 2022
2:00 p.m.**

TO: The Honorable Aaron Johanson, Chair

RE: S.B. 2679 S.D. 2, H.D.1 Relating to Drivers' License

Aloha Chair Johanson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social mission organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of 38 million nationwide and over 140,000 in Hawai'i.

AARP Hawai'i appreciates and supports this measure to extend the renewal period for older drivers from two to four years. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the driver license renewal process for all Hawaii drivers as local motor vehicle stations reduced the daily number of customers served and made other operational changes due to public health safety. This has resulted in extensive backlog and delays which have made it increasingly difficult for everyone to renew their license on a timely basis. Extending the renewal process from two to four years for older drivers reduces the frequency to update their driver's license. This alleviates the license renewal burden on the driver as well as the local department of motor vehicle stations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support on S.B. 2679 S.D.2. HD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keali'i E. Lopez".

Keali'i Lopez, AARP Hawai'i
State Director

SB-2679-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2022 2:29:10 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/30/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to move this bill forward. I went through the two year renewal process in the midst of the pandemic. Fortunately, I was able to renew by mail, something which should be a permanent option. That option was only avialble for several months and I met the criteria. This was at a time when COVID numbers were high and drivers' license offices were closed for days and weeks on end because employees had tested positive.

People live much longer than they used to. Most people in Hawaii are active in their 70s and 80s. Some even into their 90s. The current President of the United States is 79 and will turn 80 this year. The immediate past President is 75. If people in their 70s and 80s can lead our nation, then certainly people of that age can be trusted to drive without having to renew their driver's licenses every 2 years. This bill recognizes and respects the rights and abilities of people as they age rather than treating them as being less competent than the rest of the population. In fact, many of them are more competent than the younger folks who are not discriminated against and are not forced to renew their licenses every two years.

I also suggest that you change the language to 72-89 years of age, instead of 72-79 years of age.

I do however object to the defective effective date. That must be changed from 1/1/2050 to upon approval. These defective dates often result in the failure of a bill. I would like to be alive when this takes affect, and not sure i will make it to 2050.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 2:42:00 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/30/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Murakami Akatsuka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

I strongly support the passage of SB 2679, SD2, HD1 to extend the renewal period from two years to four years for licensees who are seventy-two years of age or older but younger than eighty years of age. This age group is more cautious in driving and abide by the safety rules on the road. This change will also help to reduce foot traffic to satellite halls.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2679, SD 2, HD 1.

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Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Hearing on Wednesday, March 30, 2022
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Aloha Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa and members of the committee

RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT TO SB 2679

The previous chairs seem to go back and forth on whether to change the renewal to 4 years for everyone, or revert back to 2 years for anyone over 80 years old. Legislators seem to have this innate ability to overregulate and complicate things. I highly recommend changing the renewal period to 4 years for anyone over 72 years old and leave it at that for the following reasons:

- 1) The City & County of Honolulu Mayor's Package introduced HB 1433/SB 2109 which simply required changing the period of renewal from 2 to 4 years for anyone over 72 years of age. The City & County administers the driver license renewals and the DMV understands the most efficient way to deal with them. We should give strong consideration to the DMV version.
- 2) The vast majority of states do not have a staggered system; after a certain age – usually 72 – most normally change the renewal period to X number of years and leave it at that. More specifically 13 states allow the older population to renew their license every 8 years (same as the general population). 10 states allow renewal for the older population every 5 years, and 14 states allow renewal for elders every 4 years. Only 7 states (including Hawaii) have a 2 year renewal period for drivers 72+ (not staggered). The balance complicate the matter.
- 3) A 71 year old driver in Hawaii can renew their license for 8 years which means they will be 79 years old before they have to renew again, where the 72 year old would have to renew at age 74. This staggered system is unfair and blatantly discriminatory.
- 4) When a driver's license is renewed at the DMV the only item that gets checked is one's eyesight. This is DMV's sole criteria determining an older person's ability to drive, so it is an assumption that simply because someone is old they must therefore be bad drivers needing constant observation. Statistics indicate that fatalities of older drivers have been on a steady decline. In other words, we may be assuming something that may not be supported by facts.
- 5) I believe most older drivers know when they are not able to drive and will stop on their own (even though they can pass the eye exam). Ex. My mother in her 80s quit driving at night because she felt it was too dangerous, but continued to drive during daylight hours.

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Testimony for CPC on 3/30/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anne Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Representative Johanson, Chair, Representative Kitagawa, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

I support S.B. 2679, S.D.2., H.D.1, but suggest a change.

People live much longer than they used to and most people in Hawaii are active in their 70s and 80s and some even into their 90s. The current President of the United States is 79 and will turn 80 this year. The immediate past President is 75. If people in their 70s and 80s can lead our nation, then certainly people of that age can be trusted to drive without having to renew their driver's licenses every 2 years. This bill recognizes and respects the rights and abilities of people as they age rather than treating them as being less competent than the rest of the population. Accordingly, I support the bill. However, I suggest that the age range for 4 year licenses be changed to 72 – 89 years of age, instead of 72 – 79 years of age.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Anderson

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 3:48:08 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/30/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lance S. Fujisaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted

Lance Fujisaki

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 4:25:06 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/30/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurence Sussman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Laurence E. Sussman

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Ewa Beach HI 96706

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 4:24:44 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/30/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
mary freeman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Freeman

Ewa Beach

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 4:47:45 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/30/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joanna L. Miranda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Representative Johanson, Chair, Representative Kitagawa, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

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Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Miranda

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 9:16:24 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/30/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This will work out Better for all!

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 9:37:24 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/30/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chandra Kanemaru	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Representative Johanson, Chair, Representative Kitagawa, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

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This bill recognizes and respects the rights and abilities of people as they age rather than treating them as being less competent than the rest of the population. Accordingly, I support the bill. However, I suggest that the age range for 4 year licenses be changed to 72 – 89 years of age, instead of 72 – 79 years of age.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra R. Kanemaru

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 10:56:54 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/30/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JANICE FUKUDA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable chairperson and committee members

I strongly support this bill to extend the driver license renewal period from two to four years for 72-80 year old drivers. Many individuals in this age group are actively engaged in our community through employment, charitable work as a volunteer or as a caregiver. They are probably the most responsible drivers on the road. There is no basis to support this outdated and arbitrary requirement that is discriminatory towards drivers in this age range.

Please pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2022 8:32:59 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/30/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul A. Ireland Koftinow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Accordingly, I support the bill. However, I suggest that the age range for 4 year licenses be changed to 72 – 89 years of age, instead of 72 – 79 years of age.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Ireland Koftinow

TESTIMONY OF
LARRY S VERAY

TO THE COMMITTEE ON:
TRANSPORTATION

MOST STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 2679 SD2 HD1
RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES

March 29, 2022

Aloha, Chair Johanson and Vice Chair Kitagawa and committee members. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2196 SD2 HD1. Although I am the Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21, I am submitting this testimony as an individual 72 years old with a great driving record.

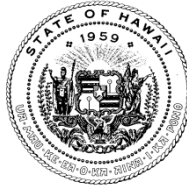
Our Kupuna live a healthy life style in Hawaii which allows them to be alert with good driving records. In fact, they are role models for the younger generation and they are not at a higher risk for accidents. Furthermore, many of our kupuna are leaders in the community and very competent in their 80's. This bill would do right for our kupuna extending the current drivers license renewal period from two to four years for licensees who are 72 years of age or older to 80.

I most strongly urge you to approve SB 2679 SD2 HD1. Mahalo!

Very respectfully,

Larry S. Veray

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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**S.B. 2679, S.D. 2, H.D. 1
RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES**

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 2679, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, which extends the renewal period from 2 years to 4 years for licensees who are 72 years of age or older but younger than 80 years of age.

The DOT has not found local data to indicate drivers 70 years or older are at higher risk of causing or being involved in crashes. Also, based on a review of an American Automobile Association study, which included information on age-based license renewals from 51 jurisdictions, only 21 of the United States jurisdictions polled have a shorter renewal cycle based on the age of the driver. Those age-based policies were generally longer than 4 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.