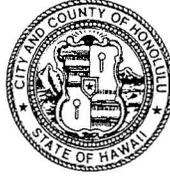


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February 25, 2009

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
and Committee Members  
Committee on Finance  
House of Representatives  
State of Hawaii  
State Capitol, Room 306  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. 623 HD1, Relating to State Identification

The City and County of Honolulu, with the concurrence of the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui, agree with the intent but have concerns with H.B. 623 HD1 and recommends several amendments.

We recommend Section 3 be amended by amending Section 846-21(b) to read:

"(b) The attorney general may contract with a county for the processing and issuance of certificates of identification under this part. The county shall be reimbursed the costs incurred in providing the services under this part."

The funding provision is the same language that is found in Section 286-27(f), HRS, regarding the county's administration of the state periodic motor vehicle inspection program and has similar cost reimbursement procedures regarding the county's administration of the state commercial driver licensing program on behalf of the State Department of Transportation.

We recommend that Section 5 be amended to read:

"This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010".

This one year transition period will allow the transfer of the identification data to the City and County of Honolulu's servers or mainframe, implementation of IT changes that are required to integrate the ID program into the driver license program, staff training, and the program will begin on the first day of the fiscal year for reimbursement purposes.

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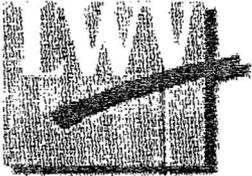
The City and County of Honolulu recommends your favorable action on H.B. 623 HD1,  
as amended.

Sincerely,

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DENNIS A. KAMIMURA  
Licensing Administrator

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## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAWAII

### TESTIMONY ON HB 623, HD1 RELATING TO STATE IDENTIFICATION

Committee on Finance  
Friday, February 27, 0009  
3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 308

Testifier: Jean Aoki, LWV legislative liaison

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, members of the Committee on Finance,

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB 623 which would make it much easier for people without drivers' licenses or other means of picture identifications to acquire them.

Picture IDs are essential in today's world for all kinds of transactions and entries to services ---getting a check cashed, paying for purchases with a check or even a credit card, for voting, riding a commercial plane, etc. Thousands, maybe millions nation-wide are disenfranchised when it comes to voting for the lack of ID cards.

Anything we can do to facilitate the process of acquiring a picture ID will help more citizens enjoy all the privileges of citizenship or residency in our state. The driver's license as ID is increasingly not available to many aging seniors and to the thousands of immigrants and the poor for whom owning a car and/or driving are not viable options.

Satellite city halls are especially suited for servicing picture IDs. They have all the equipment needed in producing driver's licenses.

We ask that the fee attached for this service be kept reasonable so as not to become a barrier to acquiring the much-needed picture ID.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on HB 623

Testimony on HB 623, HD 1: Relating to State Identification

House Finance Committee  
February 27, 2009

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. My name is Richard Oshiro and I am Chairman of the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22.

The Waipahu Neighborhood Board strongly supports HB 623, HD 1. The Waipahu Neighborhood Board unanimously supported the idea of giving the counties the authority to issue State ID cards. By giving the counties the ability to issue State ID cards will improve the government's delivery of a necessary public service. We heard over and over again that the State needs to expand and improve its ability to issue State ID cards. We believe that by allowing the counties to provide this public service, in whole or in part, will reduce the amount of time and effort people need to take when getting their ID cards. For example, in Honolulu, the State has a single downtown ID office across of the State Library where there is very limited parking if you drive and is only convenient for bus riders getting off in front of the King Kamehameha statue. However, after waiting in long lines to get your State ID, it's a long two block walk if you need to catch the bus to go back in the opposite direction. The City and County of Honolulu, on the other hand, has multiple locations that it could possibly offer this service to people. The City already issues State driver's licenses, so it seems to be a small stretch to have it also issue State ID cards.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I respectfully request your favorable consideration and passage of this bill. Thank you.



Richard Oshiro, Chairman  
Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22