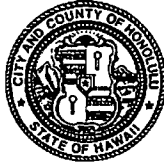


**HB 2297**

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March 19, 2010

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
and Committee Members  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection  
The Senate  
State of Hawaii  
State Capitol, Room 231  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker and Committee Members:


Subject: H.B. No. 2297 HD2 SD1, Relating to Motor Vehicle Sun Screening Devices

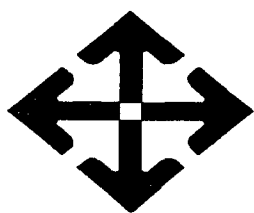
The City and County of Honolulu has no objections to H.B. No. 2297 HD2 SD1 which will exempt the use of transparent sun screening materials applied to a vehicle's windshield.

The SD1 amendment will ensure that material and transparency federal requirements for the windshield will continue to be met after the sun screening material is applied to the windshield.

The City and County of Honolulu urges your favorable action on H.B. No. 2297 HD2 SD1.

Sincerely,

*for*   
Gail Y. Haraguchi  
Director



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March 23, 2010

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons  
President

Subject: H.B. 2297, HD 2, SD 1 - RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE SUN  
SCREENING DEVICES.

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Hawaii Business League, a small business service organization and we support this bill but not this version.

We would recommend that the Committee use the version as presented in S.B. 2455, SD 2.

For the Committee's information, H.B. 2297, HD 1 is also a satisfactory version. As well, S.B. 2455, SD 2 was also a satisfactory version.

The difference is that the House Judiciary Committee made some changes to the bill which has other unintended consequences. We believe that the other two (2) versions that we have described above will be a better fit for the purposes of this bill.

Again, the purpose of the bill is to bring the law up to date with current technology which allows tinting of a windshield but only to the extent allowed by federal law.

Based on that, we appreciate the Committee's support in amending this bill to one of the designated versions above.

Thank you.



TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HB 2297, HD2 SD1  
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES SUN SCREENING DEVICES

By:

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To:

Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 23, 2010; 9:45 am  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

My name is Tommy Silva and I have been in the window tinting business for more than 30 years and my company T&T Tinting Specialists, Inc. has tinted the windows of more than 250,000 vehicles on Oahu alone.

Over the past 3 decades, I have been an avid and vocal supporter of safe auto tinting laws for the State of Hawaii and have testified here on behalf of the industry many times over that period.

I support the intent of **HB 2297 HD2 SD1**, however, I much prefer **SD 2 of SB 2455** or **HD 1 of HB 2297**, which simply adds a provision (Sec.1 d, paragraph 11) which reads: "Transparent sun screening materials applied to the AS-1 portion of the windshield that comply with federal law."

This version (**HB 2297 HD2**), makes unnecessary changes to the part of the law that currently allows the "front windshield top visor strip" by removing the section that reads ***"or no lower than four inches below the top of the windshield, when measured from the middle point of the bottom edge of the top windshield molding if no AS-1 markings can be found in the left or right upper margin of the windshield"***. That section was added as an amendment back in the early 90's to allow vehicles with front windshields that do NOT have an "AS-1 mark" to continue to be allowed to have the four inch visor strip at the top edge of the windshield. Removing that section now could create mass misunderstandings at the Safety Inspection Stations who would now be instructed to fail these vehicles that currently have a legal 4" visor strip, yet have no AS-1 marking on their front windshield.

**SB 2455 SD2** or **HB2297 HD1** both allows the new Nano-Ceramic Technology on the AS-1 portion of the windshield, without changing other provisions for the windshield that allow the visor strip at the top edge.

Thank you for your favorable support,  
Tommy Silva, President / CEO