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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2371

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation (DOT) cannot support this bill, as we believe that the proposed measure would severely compromise one of the projects/goals of the State's Commercial Vehicle Information System Network (CVISN) grant, thereby reducing the ability of the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) to register and issue an intrastate DOT number to commercial motor carriers who do not meet the standards of being issued an interstate DOT number.

Hawaii is scheduled to receive a \$3.5 million CVISN grant from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Some goals that have been identified within the CVISN grant are:

- Improve transportation safety by applying enforcement and other resources to commercial vehicle operators where safety risks are more likely to exist;
- Issuance of USDOT numbers to intrastate carriers; and
- Improve the screening and selection of vehicles and containers for enforcement operations.

This measure, more specifically the last sentence of the proposed section that reads, "The department of transportation shall not require a commercial motor vehicle under this section to obtain a United States of Transportation number for intrastate commerce" creates a great concern for HDOT.

HDOT wants to make sure that we have an accurate record of who is operating commercial motor vehicles within the State of Hawaii. However, this measure would prevent HDOT from requiring all commercial motor vehicle operators/owners to provide accurate, verifiable information when applying for an USDOT number for intrastate commerce. Moreover, this creates security concerns; especially in the environment we reside in today of security issues, terrorist activity and security breaches. Ultimately, this would place everyone in Hawaii at risk.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
ON HB 2371 RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS**

Thank you Chair Souki and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 400 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association has concerns about this bill.

Motor carriers in intrastate commerce are not required to obtain a U.S. DOT number, unless they are required to have a Safety Permit under Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 385, Subpart E (hazardous materials).

However, there will come a day when that all intrastate carriers will be required to obtain the U.S. DOT number, either by federal amendment or by state adoption of the current rule in 49 CFR, Part 390.19.

Not having uniform regulations subjects the state to loss of funds.

Thank you.