



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 1640, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF IDENTIFICATION.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Friday, February 4, 2011 TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 325

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or  
Liane Moriyama, Administrator, Hawaii Criminal Justice  
Data Center

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Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

The Attorney General supports the intent of this bill, which is to authorize the Attorney General to work with the counties to make it easier for Hawaii's citizens to obtain state civil identification cards.

Section 3 of the bill directs the Attorney General to work with the counties and submit a report to the Legislature, including findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.

Because legislation may be proposed next year, we believe that section 2 of the bill, which amends section 846-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to permit the Attorney General to establish a program whereby county employees may issue certificates of identification, is not necessary at this time. We also note that the State Department of Transportation is charged by statute, i.e., chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to oversee the driver's license program, and so should be included in the discussion with the counties.

We suggest this bill be modified as set forth in the attachment, to include the Department of Transportation and to

delete the amendment of section 846-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes  
at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE IDENTIFICATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is critical for  
2 all citizens in Hawaii to obtain state identification. The  
3 State authorizes the counties to issue state driver's licenses  
4 in several convenient locations. However, those without state  
5 driver's licenses must obtain civil identification, which is  
6 obtained in few locations throughout the State.

7       The purpose of this Act is to authorize the attorney  
8 general to work with the state director of transportation and  
9 the counties to allow them to issue civil identification cards  
10 at the same locations where driver's licenses are issued.

11       SECTION 2. The attorney general shall, in cooperation with  
12 the state director of transportation and the counties, explore  
13 options and procedures to allow the counties to issue  
14 certificates of identification. The attorney general, in  
15 consultation with the state director of transportation and the  
16 counties, shall submit a report to the legislature, including  
17 findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation, no

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1 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular  
2 session of 2012.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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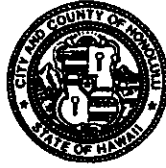
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BY REQUEST

DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES  
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February 2, 2011

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
and Committee Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
State of Hawaii  
State Capitol, Room 302  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 1640, Relating to Certificates of Identification

The City and County of Honolulu and the counties of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai have no objections to H.B. No. 1640, which requires the Attorney General to explore options and procedures to allow the counties to issue State identification cards at county driver licensing offices.

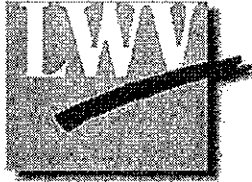
We recommend that the State Department of Transportation be included in the consultation process. The counties issue driver licenses in accordance with Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and administrative rules promulgated by the State Director of Transportation.

There are many costs and technical and administrative issues that must be identified and resolved before a convenient and accessible one-stop identification/driver license shop can become a reality.

The City and County of Honolulu and the counties of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai urge your favorable action on H.B. No. 1640, as amended.

Sincerely,

  
for  Gail Y. Haraguchi  
Director



## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAWAII

### TESTIMONY ON H.B. 1640 RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF IDENTIFICATION

Committee on Judiciary

Date: Friday, February 04, 2011

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: Conference Room 325

Testifier: Jean Aoki, LWV Legislative Committees

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, members of the Committee on Judiciary,

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports HB 1640 which would authorize the Attorney General to cooperate with the appropriate county agencies to allow such agencies to issue civil identification at locations where driver's licenses are issued.

Everyone should have some form of identification, whether one has checks to cash or is paying with a check, or to prove to any one that you are whom you claim to be. More and more states are demanding voter identification before citizens are allowed to vote, discouraging many people from participating in elections. But, getting an I.D. Card isn't always easy.

I can no longer drive, so I had to get me an identification card at the old Territorial Building. The chairless room was packed with people filling out forms and waiting in line to enter an inner room where the seats were filled and the real business was conducted. After waiting a long while, I was told that my birth certificate signed by my doctor was no good, and my marriage certificate signed by the minister was not good, and that I would have to go to the Board of Health for the genuine certificates. The room at the Board of Health was so packed you could not readily see that there was a line of sorts. After asking around, I found the end of the line and stood there for about 20 minutes. I didn't sense any movement, so I finally gave up and left.

Luckily, I was informed of professional help in acquiring said certificates, and today can legally identify myself. Anything that will make it more convenient for people, especially recent immigrants who would even be more bewildered than I was, and senior citizens like me, should immediately be made available. Thank you for this opportunity to support HB 1640.

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**Testimony in support of HB 1640, Relating to Civil Identification**

Committee: House Judiciary Committee

Hearing: February 4, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Testifier: Ariel Haines

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I support this bill. I am an intermediate school student, and I think that it should be easier for a student like me to get a state ID. My school hours are from 7:55am - until 2:15pm, and I know other schools have longer days. I think that these years, (middle/intermediate school and high school years), are ideal for getting your state ID because you are not stuck without one when you really need it (when you get a little older you will need it for everything, but then you can get a driver's license). I think I should just be able to go after school some day, or maybe if that is inconvenient, during spring break. I do believe that this makes sense. I say this because the office that issues State IDs is open Monday-Friday, from 8:00am - until 2:00pm. Therefore, I cannot just go after school and get an ID. I guess that breaks are always optional, but this office is busiest when school is not in session! This means spring break, summer vacation, non-State holidays, waiver days, and fall and winter intersession are all very busy times, and this is according to their website. So the only way I can get a state ID, is to take time out of my school day (I would probably have to miss a few classes), or to go at one of the busiest times of the year! So I think that it should be easier for me, and any other student to get a state ID, because this is prime time for identification. I don't want to take time out of my education, or spend hours in a long line, to get my ID.