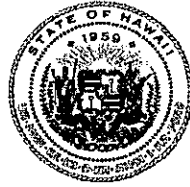


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

GLENN M. OKIMOTO
INTERIM DIRECTOR

Deputy Directors
JADE T BUTAY
FORD N. FUCHIGAMI
RANDY GRUNE
JADINE URASAKI

IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 6, 2012

HB 2453
RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation supports this bill, because it will help bring the State into compliance with Real ID federal requirements and by transferring the responsibility of issuing SID cards to the State and Counties make it more convenient for people who desire to obtain a State Identification card.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



BARBARA A. KRIEG
INTERIM DIRECTOR

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
235 S. BERETANIA STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-2437

February 3, 2012

TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

For Hearing on Monday, February 6, 2012
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 309

BY

BARBARA A. KRIEG
INTERIM DIRECTOR

**House Bill No. 2453
Relating to Civil Identification**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TO CHAIRPERSON SOUKI AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of H.B. No. 2453 is to make the Director of Transportation responsible for the non-driver's identification card program for the State of Hawaii and to have the non-drivers' identification cards issued by the examiners of drivers in each county to comply with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, division B of Public Law No. 109-13, by January 15, 2013.

The Department of Human Resources Development has **comments** on the proposed transfer. To protect the rights and benefits of the employees to be transferred, we prefer the following proposed transfer language be used in place of the transfer language pertaining to employees in Section 9 of the bill:

"All employees who occupy civil service positions
and whose functions are transferred to the department of
transportation by this act shall retain their civil service

status (permanent or temporary). Employees shall be transferred without loss of salary, seniority, retention points, prior service credit, any vacation and sick leave credits previously earned, and other rights, benefits, and privileges, in accordance with state personnel laws and this Act, provided that the employees possess the minimum qualifications and public employment requirements for the class and/or position to which transferred or appointed, as applicable, provided further that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and compensation laws.

Any employee who, prior to this Act, is exempt from civil service and is transferred as a consequence of this Act, may continue to retain the employee's exempt status, but shall not be appointed to a civil service position because of this Act. An exempt employee who is transferred by this Act shall not suffer any loss of prior service credit, any vacation and sick leave credits previously earned, or other employee benefits or privileges as a consequence of this Act, provided that the employees possess legal and public employment requirements for the position to which transferred or appointed, as applicable; provided that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to applicable employment and compensation laws. The director may prescribe the duties and qualifications of such employees and fix their salaries without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes."

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on this measure.



TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2453, RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

DATE: Monday, February 06, 2012

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 309

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Laureen Uwaine, Assistant Administrator, Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center

Chair Souki and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General strongly supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to consolidate the State Identification (ID) program for the State of Hawaii with the driver's license program under the Department of Transportation, and to have a non-driver's identification issued by the examiners of drivers in each county.

Hawaii is unique among the fifty states as the counties, under the general supervision of the Director of Transportation, have been delegated the function of implementing the state driver's license program. Under current law, the Department of the Attorney General issues the non-driver's identification card as a State ID card.

Act 35, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2011, mandated the Attorney General to work with the Director of Transportation and appropriate county agencies to allow county employees to issue certificates of identification at the same locations where drivers' licenses are issued. The driver's license program has offices throughout the State that handle the initial issuance and/or renewing of licenses. On the other hand, the State ID program has only one office in downtown Honolulu that handles both the initial issuance as well as renewals of the ID cards. On the Neighbor Islands, except for Molokai and Lanai, the Governor's Liaison Offices assist with the issuance and renewals of State ID cards through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Office of the Governor and the Department of the Attorney General. For residents on Molokai and Lanai, staff from the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center travel to these islands once a year, on a Saturday, to issue new and renewal cards.

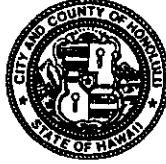
From a national perspective, the United States Congress passed the REAL ID Act of 2005. This Act sets forth the documentation required and procedures to be followed in issuing drivers' licenses and non-drivers' identification cards. The REAL ID Act must be implemented by January 15, 2013. A state can then only issue one compliant card, either a driver's license or a non-driver's identification card, to a citizen. Drivers' licenses and non-drivers' identification cards that do not comply with the REAL ID Act on or after January 15, 2013, will not be recognized by federal agencies, such as the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and may not be recognized by other states. Coordination amongst the two programs is critical as the REAL ID Act must be implemented on a timely basis so that Hawaii's citizens are able to travel and to do business with the federal government and other states, with a minimum of inconvenience and disruption of services.

In meetings and conference calls held between the Department of the Attorney General, Department of Transportation, and the county agencies responsible for the issuance of drivers' licenses, it was concluded that it would be in the best interest of the State of Hawaii to consolidate the issuance of the drivers' licenses and state ID cards under the auspices of the Director of Transportation, as it is currently responsible for the statewide driver's license program. This will benefit the citizens of Hawaii both from a local perspective in having more locations where they may obtain a state ID card, and from a national perspective in enabling a more coordinated effort in implementing the provisions of the REAL ID Act.

We respectfully ask the Committee to pass this bill.

DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE, LICENSING AND PERMITS
ADMINISTRATION
P.O. BOX 30300
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96820-0300

PETER B. CARLISLE
MAYOR



GAIL Y. HARAGUCHI
DIRECTOR

DENNIS A. KAMIMURA
LICENSING ADMINISTRATOR

February 3, 2012

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 426
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 2453, Relating to Civil Identification

The City and County of Honolulu has no objections to H.B. No. 2453 which transfers the responsibility of issuing state identification cards to the county driver licensing offices.

Since the required documents and processing procedures for issuance of a driver's license and a state identification card is similar, the transition should not be difficult to implement. However, the lines at the driver licensing offices will be longer with the corresponding increase in waiting time by the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

Dennis A. Kamimura
Licensing Administrator

ichiyama1 - Curi

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2012 8:03 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Brenda.Kosky@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2453 on 2/6/2012 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/6/2012 9:00:00 AM HB2453

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brenda Kosky
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Brenda.Kosky@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments: