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H.R. 41

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR DEVICES TO SUPPLEMENT EXISTING HAWAII STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

House Committee on Health

The Department of Transportation (DOT) offers comments regarding this resolution to request the development and implementation of special identification cards or devices to supplement existing Hawaii state identification cards.

The DOT feels that the State Department of Health, who is tasked with promoting the health of the citizenry of Hawaii, would be better equipped and knowledgeable regarding the needs of the physically and mentally disabled citizens of Hawaii and how best to accommodate them via the use of special identification materials for their needs.

In addition, denoting on the State identification card that the individual also has a special identification card or device goes beyond the purpose of the State identification card.

Thank you for the opportunity to present comments.

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Comments: HR 41 recommends the Department of Transportation issue special identification for persons with medical disabilities, children, and the elderly to provide information of their medical condition. The Department of Transportation is not the appropriate department to administer such a program since its function is to operate transportation facilities. The Department of Health and the Disability and Communications Access Board are far better qualified to manage the program requested by HR 41. Further it may be a diversion of the special funds for DOT to conduct such an activity.

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