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March 27, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 016

To: Hon. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Linda Hamilton Krieger, Chair
and Commissioners of the Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission

Re: H.B. No. 1007, H.D.1, S.D.1

The Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over state laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to state and state-funded services. The HCRC carries out the Hawai‘i constitutional mandate that "no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights because of race, religion, sex or ancestry". Art. I, Sec. 5.

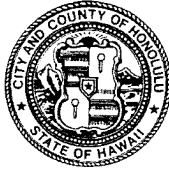
H.B. No. 1007, H.D.1, S.D.1, if enacted, would amend HRS Chapter 286, to authorize the issuance of provisional or limited purpose driver’s licenses to persons who do not have Social Security Numbers or proof that his or her presence in the United States is authorized by federal law. The HCRC strongly supports H.B. No. 1007, H.D.1, S.D.1.

The HCRC opposes ancestry and race-based discrimination associated with attacks on and denial of rights to undocumented immigrants. It is good public policy that these residents who are undocumented immigrants be granted licenses to operate motor vehicles, making for improved road safety, with these drivers being qualified through written examinations and road tests, and should result in higher rates of insured drivers on the road. This will help to bring these residents out of the shadows and improve public safety.

The HCRC urges favorable consideration of H.B. No. 1007, H.D.1, S.D.1.

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TESTIMONY OF GALEN ONOUE, LICENSING ADMINISTRATOR
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
Friday, March 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

HOUSE Bill 1007, HD1, SD1, "RELATING TO Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing"
Position: Supports

TO: The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

The City and County of Honolulu supports the intent of H.B. No. 1007, HD1, SD1, which creates a limited purpose driver's license, limited purpose provisional driver's license, and limited purpose instructional permit.

We do have reservations since this will create a new class of licenses and permits. Requiring that the new licenses and permits be of "unique design and color" to distinguish it from the current State's compliant driver's licenses will involve extensive coordination with Hawaii's driver license card production vendor and computer programming. Revising applications, updating personnel training and review for Real I.D. compliance will add to the time needed for implementation. Hawaii is currently among 42 states that are Real I.D. compliant, so a thorough review of our procedures is required to ensure that the residents of Hawaii continue to have an I.D. that is valid for federal purposes.

We recommend an effective date no sooner than January 1, 2016 so that these changes can be properly addressed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Galen K. Onouye", is written over the typed name and title.

Galen K. Onouye
Licensing Administrator

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Testimony of Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
In Support of HB 1007 Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Scheduled for Hearing Friday, March 27, 2015, 9:00 AM, Room 016

Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice is a nonprofit law firm created to advocate on behalf of low-income individuals and families in Hawai'i on legal and policy issues of statewide importance. Our core mission is to help our clients access to the resources and fair treatment they need to realize their opportunities for self-achievement and economic security.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of House Bill 1007 HD SD1, which would create a limited purpose driver's license, provisional license, and instruction permit that would be available to all Hawai'i residents, regardless of their ability to show proof of authorized presence in the U.S. As it stands, overly restrictive documentation requirements mean that many people in our community cannot apply for a driver's license. Providing greater access to driver's licenses will improve road safety, increase insurance coverage, promote better relations with law enforcement, and let all of our residents come into compliance with the law.

Immigrants, regardless of status, drive because they need to get to work, transport their children, take aging parents to the doctor, and engage in other basic, day-to-day activities. Regardless of one's feelings about immigration, these facts are not going to change. Especially for those in rural areas, driving is critical. We should ensure that all drivers understand traffic laws and drive safely. No one should be forced to break the law just to provide and care for their families.

Access to driver's licenses will also help the entire community by increasing insurance coverage. More licensed drivers means more insured drivers, and the expense of covering accidents involving uninsured motorists will decline and lower rates for everyone. In addition, relations with law enforcement officers will be improved. Officers will be able to quickly identify drivers during stops and efficiently check the driver's traffic and criminal records. And during emergency situations, first responders and health care providers will be better able to identify their patient.

While 3.1 percent of Hawai'i's population cannot show proof of lawful presence at all, the stringent documentation requirements create barriers for other populations, including many citizens. Low-income people are disproportionately impacted by the arduous documentation requirements. Individuals experiencing homelessness have particular difficulty maintaining their documents. Other populations affected include elders and people fleeing domestic violence situations or natural disasters—anyone who has financial or logistical challenges accessing certain documents.

A growing number of states recognize these facts—no one is any safer when people on the road lack licenses—and have identified limited purpose licenses as an effective solution. Those who seek to follow our laws should not be turned away based on their ability to provide particular documents when there are other ways to prove their identity and Hawai'i residency, and no driver should be driving unlicensed. Barring access for these residents only diminishes our safety and well-being. Creating limited purpose drivers licenses would advance social and economic justice as well as safety. Again, thank you for an opportunity to testify in **strong support** of HB 1007 to create a safer, more inclusive Hawai'i for all of our families.



Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, March 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 016
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of H.B. 1007, SD1

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii (“PPHI”) writes in support of H.B. 1007, HD1, SD1, which seeks to authorize the issuance of a limited purpose driver's license, limited purpose provisional driver's license, and instruction permit for Hawaii residents who are otherwise eligible but for a license or permit but are unable to provide proof of authorized presence in the United States.

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii is dedicated to providing Hawaii’s people with high quality, affordable and confidential sexual and reproductive health care, education, and advocacy. To that end, we are deeply concerned that undocumented women, in particular survivors of gender-based violence, are heavily burdened by their inability to obtain a driver’s license and seek health and other care for themselves and their families. H.B. 1007 will go far to ensure that all Hawaii residents have a safe and legal way to access health care.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 1007.

Sincerely,

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1007, HD1, SD1: Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing

TO: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran Chair, Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and Members, Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Trisha Kajimura, Social Policy Director, Catholic Charities Hawaii

Hearing: **Friday, March 27, 2015, 9:00 AM, Conference Room 016**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1007, HD1, SD1 which will increase access to Hawaii drivers' licenses for people currently ineligible. **Catholic Charities Hawaii supports HB 1007, HD1, SD1: Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing.**

Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawaii for almost 70 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, developmentally disabled, homeless and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy to the most vulnerable of the people in Hawaii.

Immigrants are a vulnerable group that CCH has provided services to for many years. The roots of CCH's immigrant services go back to 1944, when four Maryknoll sisters worked out of the back of the Chancery office on Fort Street Mall near Chinatown to attend to the needs of immigrant families and children. Today we provide English language and acculturation classes as well as low-cost assistance with immigration applications. In Hilo, we have an Immigration Resource Center that provides services to help immigrants make the adjustments and gain the skills critical to attaining a productive life in Hawaii.

HB 1007 will help immigrants deal with some of the challenges of daily life and make roadways safer for everyone. It will increase the amount of trained, tested, and insured drivers in our state. 11% of Hawaii's drivers are estimated to be uninsured. These uninsured drivers increase the cost of driving for those of us who follow the law.

HB 1007 will also help to improve the relationship between immigrant communities and law enforcement. Driver's licenses help law enforcement officers perform their jobs more safely, effectively and efficiently. They enable law enforcement officers to identify the drivers they stop, and check the driver's traffic and criminal record. In addition, licenses will assist first responders and health care providers in determining the identity of the person they are assisting.

Additionally, HB 1007 will help people who are not immigrants but who are having difficulty, due to cost or logistics, obtaining the currently required documents for a driver's license. This would include seniors, especially low-income seniors, people transitioning from homelessness, domestic violence victims and disaster victims.

Nationwide, state legislatures are creating and moving legislation to ensure roadway safety for all. These policies are being adopted to decrease the number of unlicensed and uninsured drivers and increase public safety. Eleven states, in addition to Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, have enacted laws to increase access to driver's licenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, please contact me at (808)527-4810 or trisha.kajimura@catholiccharitieshawaii.org if you have any questions.



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Committee: Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, March 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 016
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii **in Support of H.B. 1007, H.D. 1, S.D. 1**
Relating to Motor Vehicle Licensing

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in **support of H.B. 1007, H.D. 1, S.D. 1**, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing.

This bill will improve public safety. There are many individuals in Hawaii who currently drive without a license, and without insurance, because they cannot provide proof of lawful status in the United States. Allowing these individuals to obtain licenses will also allow them to obtain insurance, resulting in safer (and more economically secure) communities. Allowing these individuals to obtain licenses also increases the community’s trust of law enforcement (and, with it, willingness to cooperate with law enforcement in criminal investigations).

The ACLU of Hawaii recommends the following amendments to protect those who hold these licenses from unlawful discrimination:

- **After page 2, line 20 insert the following sentence:** “At the same time, the Legislature also recognizes that issuance of a distinguishable limited purpose license may invite discrimination against individuals who present or possess such licenses, and believes it is imperative to ensure that no residents of Hawaii who present a limited purpose license rather than a regular license are discriminated against on the basis of race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, color, religion, ancestry, or disability.”
- **In HRS § 286-___(c)(1), use the phrase, “Federal limits apply” rather than “Not acceptable for official federal purposes.”** The Department of Homeland Security accepted this phrase for California driver’s licenses. Shorter, less conspicuous language will reduce the risk of discrimination based on possession of the license.
- **After page 8, line 16, (in HRS 286-___(f)), add the following language:** “Any person who is injured by an unlawful discriminatory practice under this chapter may bring an action consistent with the provisions in chapters 378, 489, 515, or other applicable law. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit any cause of action based upon any unfair discriminatory practices for which a remedy is available under state or federal law.”

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- **In HRS 286-____(h), add the following:** “The fact that an individual applied for or possesses a limited purpose license, rather than a regular license, shall not be recorded, displayed, or otherwise evident in any system that allows for information sharing, whether automated or otherwise, with other governmental entities.”

Alternatively, the Committee could insert the following: “Information provided by applicants for a limited purpose license shall not be considered a public record and shall not be disclosed to any federal, state, or local entity unless pursuant to a judicially ordered warrant or subpoena. In any records shared with such entities, the department shall not distinguish between the type of license issued.”

We respectfully request that the Committee include these amendments and pass the bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Lois K. Perrin
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ACLU of Hawaii

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for 50 years.

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To: Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labord

From: Reverend Amy C. Wake

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of HB1007 SD1, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing

Our church has a large number of immigrants, including many from Tonga and Fiji. We minister to people in our neighborhood who come from all over the Pacific. We know how difficult it can be for some of these individuals to get a driver's license and what a positive difference that license can make in their lives.

I write in strong support of HB1007 SD1, which creates a limited purpose driver's license, provisional license, and instruction permit for all Hawai'i residents regardless of immigration status. Currently, the paperwork requirements for licensure mean that thousands cannot apply for a driver's license. Driver's licenses are totally unavailable for persons who fail to provide proof of legal status in the United States. This reality threatens the safety of all residents and visitors in Hawai'i, as well as the economic vibrancy of our State.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB1007 SD1 and for your continued support of those who are new to our islands.



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TESTIMONY OF ALISON UEOKA

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Friday, March 27, 2015
9:00 a.m.

HB 1007, HD1, SD1

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, my name is Alison Ueoka, Executive Director of the Hawaii Insurers Council. Hawaii Insurers Council is a non-profit trade association of property and casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in Hawaii. Member companies underwrite approximately thirty-six percent of all property and casualty insurance premiums in the state.

Hawaii Insurers Council offers comments on this bill. HIC does not object to the intent of the bill, which is to allow those persons an alternative way to obtain a driver's license.

We respectfully request the bill be amended to include a provision for a unique identifier on these types of driver's licenses in order to track data. One simple way to do that would be to change the letter identifier on the Hawaii driver license number without changing the number of fields.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



PROTECTING HAWAII'S OHANA, CHILDREN, UNDER SERVED, ELDERLY AND DISABLED

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TO: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW
Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: **Friday, March 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Conf. Rm. 016**

Testimony in support of HB1007 HD1 SD1, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of HB1007 HD1 SD1, which creates a limited purpose driver's license, provisional license, and instruction permit for all Hawaii residents regardless of immigration status. PHOCUSED is a nonprofit membership and advocacy organization that works together with community stakeholders to impact program and policy change for the most vulnerable in our community, including immigrant households.

Many immigrants in Hawaii – including those who are lawfully present and are citizens – are unable to obtain a legal driver's license due to current paperwork requirements. When individuals are unable to obtain a license, yet continue to drive to carry out their daily activities, this places the safety of the community at risk. According to the American Automobile Association, unlicensed drivers are nearly five times more likely to be involved in a fatal car crash than licensed drivers. In addition, unlicensed, uninsured drivers cause damage claims that other policy holders must cover.

Nationally, 11 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, have enacted legislation that provides access to a driver's license or card regardless of immigration status. Increasing access not only ensures more licensed drivers on the roads, but also results in a decrease in uninsured drivers. Since New Mexico began issuing licenses to undocumented immigrants in 2003, its rate of uninsured motorists fell from 33% to 9%.

HB1007 will not only impact immigrant populations – but will also benefit other populations that are unable to present the documentation for a driver's license. This includes populations such as domestic violence survivors, the homeless, and victims of a natural disaster.

Once again, we support HB1007 and believe this bill promotes public safety, and reduces risk for Hawaii's motorists. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this important issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or e-mail us at admin@phocused-hawaii.org.

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

To: Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Honolulu Council of MoveOn.org

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of HB1007 SD1, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing

We write in strong support of HB1007 SD1, with the aim of creating a limited purpose driver's license, provisional license, and instruction permit for all Hawai'i residents regardless of immigration status. That persons who fail to provide proof of legal status in the United States do not qualify for drivers licenses poses a risk to public safety. Therefore, we respectfully urge you to pass this bill, unamended, and preserving all anti-discrimination provisions.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,



Shaun Campbell



Shingai Masiya

Co-Organizers
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From: [Stan Bain](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support HB1007, SD1
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 10:51:49 AM

To: Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and
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From: Rev. Stanley Bain, Organizer, Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights/Immigration Reform

Re: [Testimony in Strong Support of HB1007 SD1, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing](#)

The Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights/Immigration Reform is in strong support of HB1007 SD1 because it benefits many citizens and permanent residents who are unable to produce documentary evidence that they are lawful U.S. residents. In addition, the ability of all drivers to become licensed and insured regardless of their immigration status enhances everyone's safety and peace of mind -- whether on the road or at home. The possession of a driver license is a key status symbol of belonging in an inclusive community.

On a more practical level, this bill is a boon to the welfare of our state. Residents who are authorized to drive gain easier access to job opportunities, work place, markets, medical services, recreation and entertainment. All of which spell increased revenue for the state and counties. Please pass this no-brainer legislation out of committee and exercise your authority to move it into law.

Jurisdiction over operation of surface vehicles belongs to the state. Our organization implores the Hawai'i State Legislature to uphold this state's right and continue its leadership on behalf of civil rights for all. We thank the committee for safeguarding the opportunity our democratic system offers each of us to participate in government and we sincerely appreciate each of you for your personal sacrifice of time and energy.

Rev. Stan Bain

March 27, 2015

To: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee

From: Nadine Ortega
President, Filipino Law Students Association
Lecturer, Ilokano Language and Literature Program, University of Hawai'i

Re: Strong Support for HB 1007, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing

My name is Nadine Ortega. I am a law student at the William S. Richardson School of law and the president of the Filipino Law Students Association. I am also a Lecturer in the Ilokano Language and Literature Program at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

I am writing in support of HB 1007 because it would benefit Hawai'i's community as a whole. Under current restrictive documentation requirements, many of Hawai'i's residents, including undocumented immigrants, who have not been able to show proof of "legal" presence, have been unable to obtain driver's licenses and hence have been unable to drive or have done so without a license. Providing them with driver's licenses would allow them increased mobility to complete their daily activities such as easier access to markets, grocery stores, schools, and healthcare. Furthermore, they would no longer be restricted to work in areas close to their home or solely accessible by bus routes, instead they would have equal access to the job market through greater choices of jobs and better pay to provide for their families.

Furthermore, providing limited purpose driver's licenses will improve public safety. It would be a step towards ensuring that all drivers in Hawai'i's roads are tested, licensed, and insured. This would lead to safer roads and a safer community.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 1007.

Agyamanak/Thank you,

Nadine Ortega

From: [Cliffes](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of HB1007SD1
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 10:25:50 PM

TO: Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Esther Kwon Arinaga
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RE: Testimony in Strong Support of HB10007SD1, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing

I write in strong support of HB1007SD1 which creates a limited purpose driver's license, provisional license, and instruction permit for all Hawaii residents regardless of immigration status. Current paperwork requirements to obtain a license prevent thousands from applying for a driver's license. Driver's licenses are completely unavailable to persons who cannot show proof of their legal status in the United States. This means that the safety of residents in our community and visitors to Hawaii is threatened, and further, the economic vibrancy of our state is unduly subject to risk.

I urge you to pass this bill without amendment in order to preserve its important anti-discrimination provisions that have been crafted by our ally and supporter, the ACLU of Hawaii. These provisions will encourage potential auto licensing applicants to come forward without fear and apply like other citizens to be trained and tested to drive.

I am grateful for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB1007SD1 and appreciate your Committee's leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Esther Kwon Arinaga

From: [Samuel Aguirre](#)
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Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT - HB1007
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 10:19:53 PM

To: Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Samuel Aguirre, Graduate Student, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of HB1007 SD1, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing

I write to you today to demonstrate my strong support of HB1007 SD1, which aims at creating a limited purpose driver's license, provisional license, and instruction permit for all Hawai'i residents regardless of immigration status.

Currently, the paperwork requirements for licensure mean that thousands cannot apply for a driver's license. Driver's licenses are totally unavailable for persons who fail to provide proof of legal status in the United States. This reality threatens the safety of all residents and visitors in Hawai'i, as well as the economic vibrancy of our State.

I respectfully urge you to pass this bill unamended, preserving important anti-discrimination provisions crafted by our ally the ACLU of Hawai'i. These provisions will encourage potential applicants to come forward without fear and apply to be trained and tested to drive. This will ensure that our roads are only driven by men and women who have the capacity to drive, abide by state laws, and who hold insurance to safeguard their safety and that of those around them. Our current state policy does not allow for all inhabitants of Hawai'i to be held to the same standard since many are forced to live in the shadows and are scared to seek the necessary provisions required by all drivers.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB1007 SD1 and for your continued leadership on this important issue.

Best Regards,

Samuel Aguirre
Second Language Studies, M.A. Candidate
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From: [Hildie Schap-Gil](#)
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Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT HB1007
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 12:23:24 PM

Aloha,

I'd like to support this bill. I've worked with the Hispanic population on Maui for over 10 years. One main stumbling block for many people in this and other immigrant communities has been the inability to obtain a Hawaii Driver License. Please take into consideration that when people put down roots in a community, they will inevitably seek work, go shopping, and enroll their children in school. This means they will need to drive.

Many will make the choice to do this illegally rather than not drive at all if forced to choose. If someone cannot obtain a legal license, this means every time they leave the house need to go to work, school, doctor's office, or to take their children somewhere, they are automatically breaking the law. If they could have something that says they are of age and ability to drive safely, it would save a lot of unnecessary paperwork, court and police time, and allow the system to more effectively identify people who are actually engaging in criminal activity. Again, please consider my testimony in support of HB 1007.

Thank you.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 6:12:50 PM

HB1007

Submitted on: 3/23/2015

Testimony for JDL on Mar 27, 2015 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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