

HADA Testimony in SUPPORT of HB970

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS Presented to the House Committee on Judiciary at the public hearing 2:00p.m. Friday February 26, 2016 in conference room 325, Hawaii State Capitol

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association, on behalf of the 68 new-car and truck dealers in the State of Hawaii, who employ 4,215 men and women across the state and who account for almost 15% of the state's retail economy, respectfully submits testimony in SUPPORT of SB HB970, Relating to Motor Vehicle Inspections.

The bill seeks to streamline the State's ability to adjust the cost of Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections by allowing the process to take place under the administrative rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, rather than through the legislative process.

The bill also replaces some broad language relating to the inspection and replaces it with the more specific term for the process corresponding to the language on the inspection sticker. The bill also reduces the amount of vehicle insurance information required to be printed on the certificate of vehicle inspection.

HADA supports the statute language change replacing the reference to the vehicle found to be in "a safe operating condition" to the vehicle found to be in <u>"compliance with</u> the inspection requirements."

"Safe" is a term that does not have a specific or precise meaning, whereas "compliance with the inspection requirements," accurately describes what the motor vehicle sticker represents.

With regard to streamlining the process of adjusting the price which may be charged for the vehicle inspection by the certified inspecting facility, HADA supports the addition of language which allows that maximum allowable price to be determined through the administrative rule making process in chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes. With regard to the language that seeks to harmonize the current practice at the motor vehicle inspection stations and the current Hawaii statute, HADA is in support of the language deleting the requirement for the certificate to state <u>effective date</u>, the termination date, the name of the issuing insurance carrier, and the policy number, and replacing this language with "<u>insurance expiration date</u> shown on" (the motor vehicle insurance identification card).

The proposed language is an accurate description of the information printed on the current vehicle inspection card being issued by inspection stations.

For the foregoing reasons, the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association SUPPORTS HB970, and urges all members of the committee to support passage of the bill.

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