
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. One objective of this Act is to provide the
2 director of transportation greater authority over the motor
3 vehicle inspection program so that the cost to a vehicle owner
4 for an inspection, the fees collected from inspection stations,
5 and the administration of the program can be changed by amending
6 administrative rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised
7 Statutes. There is a need to upgrade the methods and procedures
8 of state motor vehicle inspections, because the current system
9 is inefficient in that legislation needs to be passed every time
10 an inspection fee is amended.

11 This Act also reduces the amount of insurance information
12 required on an inspection certificate. This will reduce data
13 entry requirements for inspectors without degrading the function
14 of checking insurance cards. Digital images of the insurance
15 cards will be stored for easy retrieval should a need for
16 additional information arise.

1 The Act also repeals the opportunity to replace lost,
2 stolen, or destroyed inspection stickers without reinspection.

3 SECTION 2. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

5 "(e) Upon application for a certificate of inspection to
6 be issued for a vehicle, an inspection as prescribed by the
7 director under subsection (g) shall be conducted on the vehicle,
8 and if the vehicle is found to be in ~~[a safe operating~~
9 ~~condition,]~~ compliance with the inspection requirements, a
10 certificate of inspection shall be issued upon payment of a fee
11 to be determined by the director. The certificate shall state
12 the ~~[effective date, the termination date, the name of the~~
13 ~~issuing insurance carrier, and the policy number of]~~ insurance
14 expiration date shown on the motor vehicle insurance
15 identification card for the inspected motor vehicle as specified
16 by section 431:10C-107 or determined from a certificate of self-
17 insurance issued by the state insurance commissioner, as
18 specified by Section 431:10C-606, or state the information
19 contained in the proof of insurance card as specified by section
20 431:10G-106. A validation sticker, authorized by the director,
21 shall be affixed to the vehicle at the time a certificate of
22 inspection is issued. ~~[An inspection sticker which has been~~

~~1 lost, stolen, or destroyed shall be replaced without
2 reinspection by the inspection station that issued the original
3 inspection sticker upon presentation of the vehicle's current
4 certificate of inspection; provided that the current certificate
5 of inspection and inspection sticker shall not have expired at
6 the time the replacement is requested. The director shall adopt
7 rules to determine the fee for replacement of lost, stolen, or
8 destroyed inspection stickers.] "~~

9 SECTION 3. Section 286-209, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 **"§286-209 Safety inspection of motor carrier vehicles.**

12 (a) Motor carrier vehicles, including but not limited to
13 trucks, truck-tractors, semitrailers, trailers, or pole
14 trailers, having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than ten
15 thousand pounds, motor carrier vehicles having a gross vehicle
16 weight rating of ten thousand pounds or less which transport
17 passengers in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise,
18 including car rental transport vehicles, and motor carrier
19 vehicles used in transporting material found by the United
20 States Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under 49
21 U.S.C. section 5103 and transported in a quantity requiring

1 placarding under 49 C.F.R., subtitle B, chapter I, subchapter C,
2 shall be inspected and certified annually.

3 (b) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
4 for the administration and enforcement of motor carrier vehicle
5 safety inspections, including the maximum inspection fee to
6 vehicle owners, fees collected from the stations, the issuance
7 of certificates of safety inspection, the affixing of motor
8 carrier vehicle safety inspection decals, and the acceptance of
9 certificates of safety inspection issued in other jurisdictions.

10 (c) The director shall collect a fee of \$1.50 for each
11 motor carrier vehicle safety inspection decal issued by motor
12 carrier vehicle inspection stations, until the administrative
13 rules noted in subsection (b) are in effect at which time the
14 fee adopted in the administrative rules shall apply in lieu of
15 said fee herein. All moneys ~~collected~~ received by the
16 department of transportation under this section shall be ~~paid~~
17 deposited into the state highway fund.

18 (d) A fee of no more than \$12 shall be charged by a motor
19 carrier inspection station for each safety inspection performed,
20 until the fee is established by administrative rules in
21 subsection (b) above at which time the fee adopted in the
22 administrative rules shall apply in lieu of said fee herein.

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(e) For the purposes of this section, "car rental transport vehicles" means motor carrier vehicles used to transport customers to or from car rental sites."

SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Highway; Safety; Motor Vehicle Inspections; Motor Carrier
Vehicle Inspections

Description:

Expands authority of the Director of Transportation over
required motor vehicle and motor carrier vehicle inspections in
the State.

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not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

PURPOSE: Expands authority of the Director of Transportation over required motor vehicle and motor carrier vehicle inspections in the State.

MEANS: Amend sections 286-26(e) and 286-209, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: There is a need to upgrade the methods and procedures of state motor vehicle and motor carrier vehicle inspections. The current system of making changes to the motor carrier vehicle inspection program is inefficient, because legislation needs to be passed in order to change inspection fees.

Amending the administrative rules is a more efficient means of making changes and still allows for input from the public. This bill gives the director expanded authority to make program changes using the process established in chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The bill also deletes all of the insurance information required to be placed on an inspection certificate except the expiration date. With the implementation of an electronic inspection form program, digital images of insurance cards can be made and stored by inspection stations. The image can easily be retrieved if an inspector is suspected of not checking the card or accepting a fraudulent card. Putting only the expiration date on the inspection certificate will minimize the data entry required by inspectors while providing the most important data on the certificate.

Impact on the public: The proposed legislation will allow the program to be run more efficiently, thereby improving service and value to the public. It will also make changes to the inspection fee structure more expedient. The interests of the public are protected by public hearings that allow an opportunity for public input on any administrative rule amendment.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

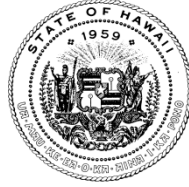
OTHER FUNDS: There will be a change in revenue to the State Highway Fund when changes in fees are made. These changes are not designed to make a profit but to make the program self-sustaining.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: TRN 595.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.

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House Committee on Transportation

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **strongly supports** this Administration Bill with amendments which expands the authority of the Director of Transportation for required motor vehicle and motor carrier vehicle inspections in the State. This bill will allow the Director to make changes to the inspection programs by administrative rules rather than legislation. This will be a more efficient means of making changes while still allowing for public input. The fee for noncommercial vehicles is already set by administrative rules.

Passage of this bill will make it possible:

- To upgrade the methods and procedures of State inspection for motor carrier vehicles by making it an electronic program as the current system is inefficient; and
- For the director to use administrative rules to set the fee for commercial vehicles.

This bill also deletes all of the insurance information required to be placed on an inspection certificate except for the expiration date. With the implementation of an electronic inspection form program, digital images of insurance cards can be made and stored by inspection stations. The image can easily be retrieved if an inspector is suspected of not checking the card or accepting a fraudulent card. Putting only the expiration date on the inspection certificate will minimize the data entry required by inspectors while providing the most important data on the certificate.

Further, HDOT recommends that the last two (2) sentences of Hawaii Revised Statute 286-26 (e) not be deleted as is shown in our proposal. "An inspection sticker which has been lost, stolen, or destroyed shall be replaced without reinspection by the inspection station that issued the original inspection sticker upon presentation of the vehicle's

current certificate of inspection; provided that the current certificate of inspection and inspection sticker shall not have expired at the time the replacement is requested. The director shall adopt rules to determine the fee for replacement of lost, stolen, or destroyed inspection stickers." HDOT inadvertently overlooked this part of the measure when it was originally submitted.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.