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**H.B. 1651, H.D. 1, S.D. 1
RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.**

Senate Committee(s) on Judiciary and Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1651, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be passed. It is recommended that the definition of a reconstructed vehicle in 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes be deleted along with the other references to a reconstructed vehicle.

The purpose of the reconstructed vehicle program is to ensure that modifications to motor vehicles do not result in a significant degradation of safety. The challenge has always been that we rely on 19-134-22, Hawaii Administrative Rules, which requires the vehicle owner to obtain approval of the design plans by a registered professional engineer. This is a difficult requirement, because the vehicle owners typically do not have a design plan, and they come to the recon station after the work is finished. Finding an engineer that will accept responsibility for the plans and the work has not been possible.

Two common modifications that require a reconstructed vehicle inspection are (1) converting an independent suspension to a straight single axle and (2) a C-notch modification used to lower a vehicle. Both modifications involve welding or cutting the frame. This voids the manufacturer's warranty and certification of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards compliance. The inspectors then ask for an engineer's approval of the design plans. Although modifications like these are usually done with a kit, the kit manufacturers will not give any certification, even though they use sound principles when developing the kits. This is because the kits can be used on many applications. Even if they did certify the plans, that does not guarantee that the modification will be made in accordance with the plans.

Crash data does not indicate that reconstructed vehicles are a safety problem on Hawaii roads. The intent of the program is to increase safety by capturing items that make vehicles unsafe for those in the vehicle, and those around them. Based on data from Oahu, where the reconstructed vehicle program is in effect, and the neighbor islands, where reconstructed vehicle owners only need to pass the periodic motor vehicle

inspection program, there is no data to suggest the reconstructed vehicle program captured any safety issues that the annual inspection program would not.

DOT will continue to work with the counties and police departments to collect data on crashes and safety issues. If the vehicle reconstruction inspection program is ended, DOT can modify the annual vehicle safety inspection if the data suggests a need.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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July 2, 2020

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Members
Committee on Ways and Means
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Auditorium
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Dela Cruz and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1651, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to Vehicle Inspections

I am Calvin Tong, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes House Bill No. 1651, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to Vehicle Inspections.

The passage of this bill would allow dangerous modifications to the safety equipment of vehicles without the appropriate oversight. Some of these modifications include the installation of large wheels with no mud flaps (causing rocks and debris to be kicked up on the roadway) and the installation of modified racing equipment, which reduces the visibility of drivers.

The HPD urges you to oppose House Bill No. 1651, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to Vehicle Inspections, and we appreciate the committees' consideration of these concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Ballard".

Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Calvin Tong".

Calvin Tong, Major
Traffic Division

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/29/2020 6:29:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bobby jay Gouveia | Testifying for 808 street rods | Support | No |

Comments:

Hi my name is Bobby J Gouveia I'm 55 years of age and our family has been in automotive racing here from the 50s and I'm in support of bill HB 1651 for the fact that our safety inspectors here on Oahu are moe then certified to make the call on our vehicles to be safe or un safe on our roads and did I mention that they are all ASE certified mechanics with there own stations to do these test on our island of Oahu to which our island is the only one with this rule.thank you for your time

Mahalo fr:808 street rods

Bobby I Gouveia

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 4:01:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Leone Kealoha | Testifying for HB1651 HD1 SD1 Elimated Recon | Support | No |

Comments:

I Leone Kealoha support the elimiate the reconstructed vehicle bill, I am part of an organization. I am asking you kindly for another appealing about the HB1651, the reason why all of the reconstruction vehicle owners, just love on what they do on there vehicle and the passion, the dedication of all the hard work and we just want a chance to fight for livelihood and build our dreams. So please reschedule another appealing and we will all stand together as ohana

thank you and aloha!

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| jeff | Testifying for motor sport enthusiasts | Support | No |

Comments:

No more recon. We don't need recon, it makes the Motorsport enthusiast harder to have that life time goal of a vehicle that he or she always wanted, or having to build your car but be under certain regulations or else you can't drive it on the road, that's not fun. We want to build our cars and trucks like we see it in our dreams only to get our dreams shattered by the recon station and be at a lost or not happy with what we drive. I say if it's safe we should be able to drive it on the road.
and let us do live front axles swaps, there is nothing unsafe about it. Get rid of recon for good!

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| christian young | Testifying for HI X rydaz | Support | No |

Comments:

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| kelvin kaapana | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

With the the repeal of this law, the financial burden of the loss of revenue will only fall to the tax payers who's vehicles remain "factory stock". Taking away this law only removes responsibility from thoses who alter their vehicles. How will the state insure the safety of the other drivers and pedesrtians in Hawaii? I belive the reconstruction law was put into place to protect everyone.

I'm a mechanic and a CDL driver. The license for my personal vehicles is based on the vehicle's weight. Believe me when I tell you this, most reconstructed vehicle weigh a signiffant amount more then their stock counterpart. These aftermarket large tires make way more noise then stock tires. If weight and noise add to the ware and tare of our roads than stock vehicles, Let those, who want to change their vehicles, pay for the privilage to drive in Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 6/29/2020 2:28:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| kimo galon | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha

I support HB1651 HD1 SD1. Recon permitting has been a repetitive measure that has no purpose in our state. The repeal of recon will open up automotive business and help start up our starving economy. Safety checks are already highly regulatory and does its purpose well.

mahalo

kimo galon

HB-1651-SD-1

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| kazunari iizuka | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Reconstruction permit is just wasting money of budget. a lot of stuffs are doesn't make such as making improvemnt for headlight systems is rejected. not gonna work well if this division won't update all the information, items do what.

PLease just use that budget for something else to make hawaii better.

HB-1651-SD-1

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Ryan Yee | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Reconstructed vehicles pose no greater risk of operating on public roads than non-reconstructed vehicles. Reconstruction is not necessary.

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

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| Rodney Ulep | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Ryan Willis | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Jenny Nakat | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am in support of this bill

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| Erica Cuasito | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Kanoë Willis | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Frank Daoang Jr. | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Save the state money.

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Sean Chai | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

vehicle Reconstruction permits were originally created to help deter stolen cars parts.

this is no longer the case, the original function of the recon permit is no longer being followed.

modified sport cars are in most cases safer and more durable than OEM equipped cars.

please consider removing the need for a reconstruction permit and or secondary inspection.

The most annoying aspect of this entire recon permit, is the fact the ONLY the county of Honolulu enforces it. All of the other outer islands don't enforce such, and haven't had the need for such an inspection. It does not dutifully make a difference in any way shape or form.

outer island vehicles don't have to go through tedious means to document a cars modification history. They have proven that without a reconstruction permit, everything is perfectly safe and the lack of such inspection does not mean cars are unsafe.

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| leo domenden | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Since it's implementation, the secondary reconstruction inspection has not made any impact on citizens driving safer on Oahu roads or has it been instrumental in providing safer streets for pedestrians to walk on. Nor has it answered the question of its need. In light of recent events, it is logically a better decision to pool the resources of our great state into sectors that need more attention to. We - the taxpayers, the citizens, the kamaaina of Oahu - are already being stretched thin financially; albeit by recent COVID-19 regulations implemented, new taxes to push the rail to completion, or even the rising cost of living in our great state. For many of us, this is HOME. And we make home to our hearts content as much as possible and this transfers to our individuality of how we dress, speak, and decorate. We are THE GATHERING PLACE. And the decorum of which we reflect that ideal is shown in our individual tastes of our fashion, our homes and yes our vehicles. Aloha and Mahalo.

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| dylan kalahiki | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Eliminating recon is beneficial and convenient for anyone who has suspension modifications done to their vehicle. It takes away the hassle of having to worry about driving a vehicle that is determined " illegal " or " un-safe " . Recon holds no weight in stopping people from doing these mods. It makes no sense because most of these vehicles are harmless and wont " completely fall apart " if there is not recon.

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| jonathan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the bill HB 1651 I own and love to build custom cars i spend a lot of time and money customizing my cars not only to look good but to drive good because my family rides in my cars and I will not build anything that is not safe for my family or others on the road's of HONOLULU . Notice I said HONOLULU because we are the only island in our state that has a RECON requirement inspection for custom vehicle's .That's why I support bill HB 1651 100%

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| brendan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

This bill needs to be passed. Recon is ridiculous.

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| Duane Degray | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| La?akea Awong | Individual | Support | No |

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| tatiana koki | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Tsz Yin Lau | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I urge your support for HB1651. Recon permit have proven useless and only addition burden for car lover on this island..... NO OTHER place in the us have recon system.... Its time repearl recon system!!!! Its a diffuct time, its time to stop these money grabbing process and put our money to the area needed the most

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| Christopher Carvalho | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support bill HB1651

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| Aaron Rideout | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Honolulu is the only county in the entire 50 states requiring a secondary inspection.

Reconstruction Rules are antiquated and do not make the roads safer.

The latest revision of the rules was written in July 11, 1986, almost 34 years ago. In the 80's there were fewer performance aftermarket companies manufacturing parts/kits for vehicles. Modern aftermarket suspensions are designed on computers offer better fitment and safety. According to 2015 NHTSA crash statistics only 2% of accidents are caused my mechanical failures. 94% are caused by driver error. There is no significant data that shows mandatory auto inspections are making the road any safer.

Requirements for Reconstruction Inspectors are far lower than the requirements for a safety check station.

HAR 19-134-12 Recon Inspector Requirements

(1) Be a high school graduate or have an equivalent education level certificate:

(2) Have at least one year of employment experience in automotive repair or a related technical field (one year of experience in vehicle safety inspection activities or the supervision of vehicle safety inspection activities, may be substituted for this requirement):

HAR 19-142-11 Safety Inspector Certification

(9) Applicant's Technical licenses

HAR 19-142-12

(5) Each applicant shall have 1 year of training in auto mechanics or 2 years of work experience.

(6) complete a performance examination

Safety check stations have licensed mechanics that have ASE certifications. This requires formal education, many hours of on the job experience. ASE certification require multiple testing on different aspects of automotive fields like brakes, suspension and steering, They are also required to renew their certifications every 5 years. The amount of skill and professional experience of a safety check inspector far exceeds the technical knowledge of Reconstruction Inspector. It is redundant to require a secondary inspection by a less qualified person and could open up the state to unwanted liability.

The Reconstruction Office is unable to service public adequately.

According to HAR 19-134-16 Hours of operation. (a) county reconstructed vehicle inspectors and facilities shall be made available on a regularly scheduled basis and for such periods of time as may be necessary to insure that all reconstructed vehicles are inspected in an efficient and expeditious manner. (b) Reconstructed vehicle inspection stations designated by the county department shall have at least one appointed reconstructed vehicle inspector available to conduct inspections for a total of at least four hours during the period from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 pm, five days a week, except designated holidays.

Current Hours 12-4pm only 4 hours a day which is non-compliance of procedural rules. The reduced hours are not providing adequate services to the public.

Income revenue does not justify staff salaries

Cost of Recon Inspection is \$15

To my knowledge, there are 3 full-time staff members and 3-5 trainees inspecting vehicles. I spoke with William Chang as asked how many vehicles were processed in an average day. He told me 30-50 cars. The cost of reconstruction is \$15. That gives a range of

\$450-\$750 per day

\$9000 - 15,000 per month

\$108,000 - \$180,000 per year

The average office manager makes about \$50,000 a year. Given that information, I suspect the state is losing money on the reconstruction program. I urge the lawmakers to look into the expenses of the department to see if what the actually costs. I think that they will find that it is fiscally irresponsible and costing the taxpayers money. I would also urge the lawmakers to talk to the William Chang at Motor Vehicle Control and get input from the employees that actually work there and run the program.

PMVI could easily be amended to accommodate safety concerns of the public and state agencies.

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| Aliyah Akina | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I feel as if recon is something that really holds back some individuals to really customize their belongings and that is how people express themselves, through their vehicles. Also, I feel as if it is a waste of time and money.

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| Ambrose Chee | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

We dont need recon anymore.

HB-1651-SD-1

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| austin | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Lawrence Rosa III | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

People who modify their vehicles spend a lot of money on them and takes pride and joy. They invest time, money and many have families and would not put them in harms way. As a result they do thier due diligence, to ensure their builds are safe.

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| justin | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

As a safety check inspector I feel the additional recon inspection is a complete waste of time and money. A recon inspection is basically the same thing as a safety check inspection. People shouldn't have to pay for the same service twice. Recon started in the 40s or 50s as an attempt to stop car theft, because it was a big problem back then, so if you did any changes to your car that wasn't factory original you had to show receipts, or proof that you bought the parts and it wasn't stolen, but the way recon operates now is nothing like its intended purpose. Some how through the years its purpose went from theft deterrent to just a glorified safety check, and as a safety check inspector I can tell you that we check for all the same things that the recon inspectors check for which makes recon completely unnecessary, plus recon inspections are not consistent at all, some people get away with certain modifications and others don't, simply because some recon inspectors know what to look for and some don't.

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| William W Hope Jr. | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jake Hanawahine | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am in strong support of Hb1651.

Jake Hanawahine

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

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| Willie Woods | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Recon is retarded... you guys already make money from retarded registration and stupid safety checks. Recon is another way you guys tax us to make money and all recon does it makes the already difficult process of staying current harder by adding this extra nonsense to have in the process entirety.

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| micah curimao | Individual | Support | No |

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Justin Respicio | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Please pass this bill. As a person who had modified cars from early 2000's till present passing this reconstruction bill would take a lot of weight off car enthusiasts. Most if not all of the people that modify their vehicle put in a lot of hard work and time to make their vehicle safe and sound for the roads.

HB-1651-SD-1

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| Jaymen Plan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| CJ Jasper | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha, my name is CJ and I oppose the bill for reconstituted vehicle permits. First off here's a little about me. I'm a blue collar man with a family of 3 and I lived on Oahu my whole life. My sons are 2,7 and 12 years old and they are just as into cars and trucks as much as I am. They enjoy taking daddy's big truck out on the weekends as a family to cruise around but this recon law makes it nerve wrecking that we might get a ticket every time because daddy's truck is "illegal" in the eyes of whoever supports the ridiculous recon law. Im not the only one that feels a check up AFTER a check up is just not pono. It's like going doctors twice to get told the same thing and being charged for it.. we as car enthusiasts put money, time and effort into everything making our cars as unique as possible. It's a extension of who we are as enthusiasts. We make ours cars more road efficient than your average vehicle. Majority of us have our cars done professionally and that cost big money too. It's a shame that we need to pay double for a sticker that says our car is safe. Isn't that what a safety check is for? Are they not checking to see if anything is out of line or unsafe? It's unnecessary to have a secondary opinion. It's a waste of time and money when the safety check specialists are supposed to already be professionals at spotting flaws. We don't build our cars to ram into people in fact we build our cars to drive more efficiently and we drive more cautiously so we don't mess up our investments. This recon has been a scam from the get go and everyone on the island knows it. Put that energy into something else like opening the track for people to go safely and run their cars. Take care the people that are already here on the island just as much if not more than outsiders by making more hotels and resorts.. take care local people first!

mahalo for taking time in reading my testimony,

-CJ

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

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| Kaimana Cameron | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I just have a few words to say about why we shouldn't have recon at all. We are the only island out of all of the islands to need a reconstruction sticker and why is that? I'll tell you why because it's the most populated island so the state sees where they can take advantage of the people that only live on Oahu. The state is just trying to find ways to dig themselves out of the debt that they are in. So what the state does is raise taxes on us and come up with laws that are useless so they can pay for their mistakes on choosing things that this island does not need. Recon is probably the most dumbest thing that they could have ever came up with. The state tries to say that you need it so they know the lift is put on right and all that kind of stuff but wouldn't you think that people wouldn't be stupid enough to put a lift on wrong. If someone didn't know how to put a lift on correctly they are either gonna get it professionally done, go to someone that knows how to do it correctly, or just not do it at all. If someone knows what they are doing they are gonna have someone else that knows what they are doing to help them. I had a friend help me put a lift on my truck because I know what I'm doing and he knows what he's doing and his dad also helped us and he knows what he's doing. The point is no one is stupid enough to put someone on their truck if they don't know what they are doing. All I'm trying to say is recon is just another way for the state to get money out of us and that no one is dumb enough to do reconstruction things to their vehicle half ass and poorly. People in Hawaii has pride for what they own and do, you think we gonna do it half ass or go all out and do it correctly so no one else gets hurt and most of all the person that owns the vehicle and drives it gets hurt and cause damages to other people's property. If no other island has it then why should we? If you say it's because it needs to protect others from things flying up welp look just made you think of a job you can create and give someone and that's to clean up the side of the roads. Maybe if you fixed our roads then wouldn't have so much rocks and potholes that cause things to fly up and hit other people. The state needs to start thinking about making Hawaii look beautiful again then charge the locals more money because of your guys mistakes. Wake up look at the bigger picture and stop being selfish.

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Submitted on: 6/29/2020 10:49:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Bryce | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I don't mind having to get the permit. It's the restrictions within the permit that makes reconstruction stupid. People HAVE been running wide wheels/tires. There is no safety hazard.

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/29/2020 10:51:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| stuart saito | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

all vehicles must already pass a safety inspection regardless, that should be enough.

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/29/2020 11:06:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Dana Martin | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I fully support the repeal of the reconstruction inspection. It is an extreme inconvenience and any qualified mechanic is able perform a safety inspection on any passenger vehicle. Safety will not be jeopardized if the reconstruction inspection is repealed. The reconstruction inspection is overkill.

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/29/2020 11:16:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| christian Dela Cruz | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Please hear the people of Hawaii on Oahu out to eliminate reconstructional permit. It is no sense in needing for this because we already undergo strict safety checks through safety stations assuring are vehicles are safe and in proper working order, yes we may modify our vehicles, it's a life style a hobby a stress reliever for many and probably all because it's our escape to relax and work on our vehicles we spend hard earn money to build something we have a passion for. For some it's their savior to get into building a unique vehicle that describes them to keep them away from negativity for others it was a way out of doing drugs being a criminal portrayed to society. And for the most it teaches you a lot, you learn multiple and various reasons on how to build something unique to basic engine maintenance it aspires and creates jobs for people to do what we do. Take that into consideration because the era we live in give you folks specific pictures of our vehicles when we go to get our safety check renewed every year.

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Submitted on: 6/29/2020 11:17:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Richard | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

As a state worker and tax payer I support this bill

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 12:10:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Daniel Buss | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I fully support the removal of Recon inspection. It is ineffective, a waste of time and money and those resources could be allocated elsewhere.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 12:48:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Michael Wertz | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support this bill. I have dealt numerous times with the reconstruction permit office with good and bad experiences. My problem is the consistency of the office and inspectors in regards to HAR19-134 "approval of reconstructed vehicles." I have been told the rules have changed from what they were yet the HAR stays the same. My most recent vehicle was a Toyota truck with a straight front axle conversion. I brought the vehicle in February of 2018 and was told that it would not pass. I explained that my buddy had an almost identical truck with the same conversion that passed several months prior. The inspector said, "Oh you just missed the cutoff." So I asked if the rules had changed. I was told, "The rules haven't changed just the way that we interpret them." I thought, "How convenient for you, I now have a truck that I can't register or sell if I wanted to." I explained that nowhere in the HAR19-134 does it say that straight axle conversions are not allowed. I was unable to get a reconstruction permit.

The HAR's are old and outdated. The rules for modifying vehicles are not fair across the board. You can have a "special interest vehicle" and basically do whatever you want. You can have a 60's hot rod with a 4-link rear end conversion and not need a recon permit but you cannot do this conversion on any newer vehicle that requires a recon permit. The other unfortunate aspect of recon, are all the small businesses that are involved. The only things that will pass recon right now are bolt on items from big manufacturers. This takes money from our local shops that design and do these modifications for a living.

The bottom line is most people want to modify their vehicle in one way or another. To let certain vehicles pass while others cannot is unfair. As long as the vehicle complies with safety check standards I don't see a reason for a secondary vehicle inspection. Thank you for your time.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 1:44:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Nico Vargas | Individual | Comments | No |

Comments:

I feel the "Recon" process and sticker is unnecessary.

I oppose this being a requirement in the State of Hawaii, and instead support safety checks only once a year which are sufficient to verify the construction and alteration of vehicles without further verification from a second inspector.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 5:52:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Travis | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

A secondary vehicle inspection should not be necessary for a vehicle to be operated on public roadways. The vehicle has to pass a safety check to be on roadways already. There are many people who have a passion for modifying vehicles if the vehicle passes the already required safety check I believe the vehicle should be able to be used on public roadways without a secondary inspection

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 6:14:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| jason timm | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I'm in support of this bill 100%. The reconstruction permit is absolutely unnecessary as all the other islands do not have it. It's another step that people have to take to get their vehicles legal. The people who "inspect" reconstructed vehicles and unqualified for this type of inspection. They have no background in motor vehicle modification or any type of engineering logic. They are completely and utterly incompetent. It's a huge waste of money for the state as it's been shown to lose money. The hours for the reconstruction office are very limited which makes it even harder for people to get their vehicles "legal" for the road. There are many unsafe cars out there that don't require reconstruction just because they're not modified. People who modify their vehicles take extreme pride and make sure the work is done properly to the vehicle as they are vehicle enthusiasts.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 6:46:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| katie | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Hello,

I am submitting a testimony to get rid of recon inspection. Before moving to Honolulu I lived in Big island which did not require additional inspection on my vehicle. I do believe that it is unnecessary to have my vehicle inspected twice. Growing up in Hawaii I never knew of such law until moving to Honolulu. If outter islands do not require it then it must not be important to have on only this island. I strongly stand to oppose this law and I believe that everyone living here will benefit from it. Please get rid of this law and let us live without the fear of getting a ticket.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 6:53:22 AM

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| elijah thierbach | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Recon has no purpose. Let the safety check stations take care of it.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:25:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Sunday Pres | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Why is it only on the island of Oahu?

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| michael correll | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Good morning,

I am fully supportive of the changes to this bill. As someone who has a reconstructed vehicle on the island, the hours and availability of Recon are not feasible. Not to mention they stop the inspection after finding one fault and make you come back, pay again and then they stop when they find another. It's an endless cycle that makes the consumer feel like it's just about the money. Not to mention the adds requirement of an alignment and the actual safety inspection. The majority of reconstructed vehicles on this island are safer and in better condition than a majority of local vehicles. Not to mention Oahu is the only island that requires recon and it's the only island with an extremely large military presence (most of which have reconstructed vehicles), and knowing that the military has to follow state laws, we have no choice but to complete recon every time we are due for renewal. This is an unfair and an unjust requirement, so I fully support the removal of recon! Thank you for your time

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:44:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Roderick | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I would like to say that the reconstruction permit is very inconsistent with the inspectors or even with the type of vehicle you bring in to get inspected. What is the sense of having an inspection done for putting on a non original part from the factory as alot of vehicles that have modifications have to be altered because parts are obsolete or did not work so well from the factory so we choose another alternative and that is an aftermarket replacement. We already have to pay to do an annual safety inspection and those inspectors are tested to properly inspect vehicles to make sure it is a safe running vehicle. Its a waste of taxpayers time and money.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:57:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Scott-Michael Waracka | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha JDC Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee members,

I am submitting testimony today in support of SB213 and the removal of the reconstructed vehicle classification and requirements. I being an avid member of the car enthusiast community have had my fair share of run ins with this department. I have seen the requirements loosen and the whole purpose of Recon morphed into something that does not make a lot of sense. This process can be very frustrating as there is no consistency with the requirements that are enforced and what is written in the HRS. I feel these inspections do not increase the safety of modified vehicle as it was intended and the normal safety check program can be used if needed to inspect a modified vehicle. Oahu is the only island that has this requirements and I would really like to see any statistic that shows that modified vehicles on Oahu are safer than the outer island? I feel these requirements are a government over reach and I hope you find it appropriate to have these requirements removed.

Aloha,

Scott-Michael Waracka

A concerned Auto Enthusiast

Driftking96730@yahoo.com

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Gary Remiticado | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I suport HB1651 HD1 SD1.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 8:34:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Robert Sullivan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am in support of this bill. I have been all over the country and in my personal opinion, I believe the recon is one of the most ridiculous inspections I've seen. The recon makes Hawaiian citizens waste more money than I think the government realizes. If this bill is approved I believe you will see a better change is the citizens attitude and how happy they are. Thank you.

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Maile | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

From: Tim Reimer "tim96819@yahoo.com"

Date: June 30, 2020 at 12:54:06 AM HST

In SUPPORT of HB1651, repealing the Oahu Reconstruction Law

The Oahu Reconstruction Law is a very complicated, time consuming and expensive issue for anyone needing to get one. Here's how it works! Step One: It is located on the other side of the island in Kapahulu which means, you have to one, take the day off from work, and two if your car isn't licensed, you need to find a method of transporting it there. If you have a friend with a trailer that makes it easy but most of us don't have either. Ok, option two, have your car transported on a car carrier or tow truck! Do you have an extra four to six hundred dollars for the tow? It might be more, depending on where you live. Once you have arrived, the car comes off the truck and is inspected by the Reconstruction Officials. Great if you pass but if you didn't, then you will be returning again, after taking the day off and paying tow charges.

Ok, great you passed, now the tow truck has to take your car to the scale if it was never registered before. The scale is located in the middle of town, so another tow charge to that area and the driver's waiting time. Again, the car comes off the tow truck and is driven onto the scale, the tow truck driver is very upset at all this waiting. After the vehicle is weighed, the tow truck heads to the Safety Inspection Station to inspect your vehicle, another tow, charged by the mile. The Inspector tells you to take the car down from the tow truck so he can inspect it, more lost time and not for free. Now if you are lucky and your car passed these two inspections, which took most of the day and spent all of your savings, the car is towed home.

But wait, you now have a reconstruction sticker but failed a safety inspection since you have no registration. Here you go again, take off from work, drive your legal car to the DMV or your unregistered car, taking a chance for a harsh ticket. You spend an hour or two at the DMV, now you

have a reconstruction sticker, a registration and still have to complete your safety inspection since you now have your registration. The question is, do you drive your car back for safety inspection or tow it again? You know what most people will do!

Ok, the second day is wasted, the safety inspector might or might not pass your car, if he does, great. If not, then it's home again to fix the failed issue(s). The Reconstruction Law causes people to just give up on their dream cars and for those who have the time and money to waste on it, their vehicles will be on the road after years of building it.

This Reconstruction Law has been a nightmare for all car enthusiasts and needs to be deleted now, unless the State will pay our lost wages, lost time and towing charges which I doubt. Delete the Reconstruction Law as soon as possible... it's time!

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Elijah Kim | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support HB1651 HD1 SD1 to eliminate the secondary inspection for reconstructed vehicles.

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Michael Kitchens | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I fully support HB1651 and the removal of recon requirements. Oahu is the only island in the only state that requires it. It doesn't belong.

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kevin Sawicki | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

The recon system is flawed and cumbersome. It should be removed.

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| Beldon Gacayan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I'm in support of removing the reconstruction inspection for modified vehicles. The yearly safety inspection is more instructive than that of the recon permit, having both is excessive and cost to the individual approximately \$200. I believe the yearly safety inspection is suffice.

Mahalo

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| J. Javier | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support HB1651. Car enthusiast care about their cars too much and I believe all modifications that are done would not jeopardize their safety and most importantly the safety of others.

If you look back and traffic accident records majority of the accidents weren't caused by modified vehicles but reckless drivers.

Mahalo for viewing my testimony for HB1651

-Josh

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Randy Imaye | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Hi,

I support HB1651. Hawaii recon is not right. There is no specific guidelines for us to follow. If recon doesn't go away, can it be more realistic?

Thank you

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 11:46:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| edward billman | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

i support HB1651

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| Jordan Deveraturda | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Angus Aheron | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I firmly believe that this extra step in the registration and ensuring ones vehicle is safe to drive on public roadways is not effective. If there is a concern with the structural and steady ness of customized vehicles it should be determined during the regular safety inspection.

In addition the inspection targets a specific group of individuals who enjoy safely modified vehicles that aid them professionally and hobby wise. There are items that the inspection forces you to adhere to that some vehicles come from factory without having equipped. This inspection does not feel like it is for the safety of vehicles on the road but a way to additionally tax people who have money to enhance their vehicles.

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Reid | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill not only from a personal perspective but from a holistic perspective. If we look at the purpose of the Reconstruction Permit (aka: recon), it was intended to ensure that "modified" vehicles on the roadways are safe for the driver, riders and citizens. Can we honestly say that recon has served its purpose? Lets look at the inspection process:

What is inspected and how:

- Suspension
 - Inspected by a tape measure and a subjective "bounce test".
 - Is that objectively telling us that the vehicles suspension is safe? Can the inspector logically or objectively evaluate the difference between a factory high performance suspension against an aftermarket suspension?
 - Solution - as long as a vehicle is equipped with basic suspension parts ie. shocks, coils, bags, springs, leafs, etc. AND does not exceed the current recon height/weight ratio, no need recon. If not, a vehicle needs recon. I agree, some vehicles are too high to be safe and feel the current height/weight ratio is fair.
- Tires/Wheel
 - Inspected by measuring the contact point of the tire to the road does not exceed the past the edge of the fender
 - How does that objectively measure if the vehicle is safe? I don't see how a tire sticking out is unsafe, within reason. Side mirrors stick out past the body of passenger vehicles. Are mirrors unsafe? Maybe its an issue with debris/rocks flying kicking up and striking cars windshields. If so, I see more vehicles getting struck from rocks by large commercial vehicles than I do by passenger vehicles with "wide" tires.
 - Solution - If a vehicle's tires without flares stick out past the farthest edge of the vehicles side mirrors, recon is required.

If the vehicles tires do not stick out past the vehicles side mirrors, no need flares and no need recon.

There are far more unsafe, unmodified vehicles out there than there are unsafe, modified vehicles. Let's be realistic, if its about revenue, raise the safety inspection fee for modified vehicles that fall within the parameters mentioned above. But to have car enthusiasts go through the rigors of complying with the current subjective recon is not fair. Most of these enthusiasts pay their insurance, registration, safety inspection and also maintain their vehicles to a much higher level than your average driver not to mention, far more meticulous about their vehicle.

Let's raise the safety inspection fee for vehicles that fall within the parameters listed above and do away with recon unless the vehicle does not fall with the parameters above and keep recon for those vehicles because honestly, bouncing on a vehicles bumper and measuring how far out the tire sticks past the fender is not saving lives.

Mahalo,

reid

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 3:59:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Rodd | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

I am testifying by way of email, because first of all, I am too busy making a living here in Hawaii, I do believe in being there in person, however, my work is too involved. I am testifying in support of this bill, because I happen to think there is no need of an added inspection, by person(s) who actually don't know anything about modifications. Safety checks are done by certified mechanics, people who go to school for this, and who knows what's safe, and what's unsafe. It's a redundant process. Recon was solely built to catch thieves who would steal parts off of others' vehicles, not as a safety permission. So how did it become so obscured?

Also, many modifications that are sold, are done in a safe manner, and require very little welding, if any. They are often times installed by professional builders, by whom have been doing this for years. Since this has become so strict, there have been numerous business on Oahu that were forced to shut down, if you take this permitting system away, this will encourage businesses to open up, thus, stimulate the economy. That means more income to the state. Also, because this law is in place, I'll bet there are a lot of potential vehicles out there on the road, whom don't even apply for safety checks, and that's worse. If you take this away, this will encourage vehicles to be safety check compliant, because individual shops will have the knowledge and power to properly

inspect each vehicle and say they are safe or not.

We are the ONLY state who has this law. If this law was so important to have, then why doesn't the other Hawaiian isles have this? And why not in the mainland? In the mainland, they are free to do anything they wish (Modifications), as long as they are safe, and why wouldn't a person build it safe for their own family?

With so little things here to support the economy, I would imagine adding this will be beneficial, as there will be a lot more people spending money on modifying their vehicles. You will see shops open up, and these shops would need to be ASE Certified, and they would need to apply for their licences through the Hawaii Licening Board, and they can be sure that they are ASE certified.

Please support this bill, you will see good results.

Please view this video, this is the Big Isle (I think). If they can drive this around, then why not Oahu?

Thank you for your time.

<https://youtu.be/F6tZoRibilg>

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 4:19:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Michael VanDoorne | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support this as the secondary 'Recon' inspection is an unfair burden placed upon those of us who purchase parts available in every other state in the country and (we) have to suffer extraordinary inspections unlike others. Repeal this secondary 'Recon' inspection. We pay enough as it is to live here as it is and this is just another unfair expense placed on already financially burdened citizens.

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Leah Pajimula | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Gerard Akau | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Hello my name is Gerard Akau I lowerd my vehicle so that it is easier for me to load things in the back of my vehicle for work, family and fishing etc. But I have a hard time obtaining a safety check without a reconstruction inspection I would like to take away the Hawaii vehicle reconstruction inspection because it makes it harder to get my safety inspection. I'm to busy during the week to go and do my inspection and the time that the reconstruction inspection site closes is when I finish work. I hope that this will help in taking away the Hawaii vehicle reconstruction evaluations so that I can live life without having to go through so much trouble when all I need is a safety inspection to let me be able to pay my registration.

Thank you for your time.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 6:35:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jonathan Fong | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the removal of reconstruction inspections. This has been a useless and redundant waste of tax payer money.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 6:47:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jeffrey Strutner | Individual | Comments | No |

Comments:

I want to get rid of recon

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:19:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Steven Winter | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

This bill needs to pass. The RE-con needs to stop !

if our vehicles pass safety then we should be aloud to not make the extra step just to waste tax payers money.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 8:00:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| James Austin III | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 8:02:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Erin Austin | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

strongly support. its about time

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 8:03:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Sandra L Terp M.D. | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 8:13:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Corey O | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support this bill

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 8:31:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jonathan R Maxwell | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

I write today in support of HB1651, specifically the repeal of 286-85, HRS. I am an active duty military member that has lived in several states over the past 10 years. During that time, I have owned my lifted vehicle and have never once failed a state safety inspection, until I arrived on Oahu where I have failed recon twice. Hawaii is the only state and Honolulu the only county, that I can tell through researching other state laws, that require multiple safety inspections to deem a vehicle "Safe" to drive. The modifications to my vehicle were installed by trained A.S.E. mechanics, a requirement that the recon inspectors do not possess, yet they will not pass my vehicle. The inspections are creating increased costs that all taxpayers are having to fund since this inspection is costing the State. The current laws are antiquated and no longer align with current safety testing and manufacturing processes of after-market modification vendors.

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 8:41:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Darrell Gella | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 8:51:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Maly Gella | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/30/2020 8:57:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| chasen sumait | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I am opposed to reconstruction permits for vehicles, while we are the only county in this state of Hawaii that requires a reconstruction permit for vehicle modification is not only unfair, but the rules and regulations set by DOT for the reconstruction permit is not even properly regulated by the inspectors. Majority of these inspectors don't even have a background or history that qualifies them to be an inspector for such modifications. There is a vast majority of car/truck enthusiasts that build their personal cars/trucks to their own wants and/or needs, me being one of these enthusiasts. We really enjoy this hobby, and being able to show pride in our work or even just to be able to take a stroll in something we've had success in building brings a smile to our face and people can appreciate all the differences in the automotive world. If you love something who am I to tell you that you cannot? It's just not fair. Please reconsider all the flaws in the system and get rid of this reconstruction inspection.

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 7:23:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jostin A Iriarte | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Chair & Membes,

I Jostin Iriarte strongly oppose HB1651 HD1 SD1 Personally myself & those in the vehicle industry do not understand why recon is even a process for our vehicles many of us owners that take pride in our vehicles while building out alot of time & money to make sure our vehicles are built right and well maintained. We already have a safety check in place that suppose to reassure our vehicles are in good working order for the streets we as Hawaii Resident feel it is unfair when we already pay such a high rate of Vehicle registration on Oahu while other Islands/Counties differ from Oahu. Please consider the value we carry amongst the industry and owners who have gone through all of the required process of registration, insurance, safety check and also recon. I also feel some of the process is unfair as well as the requirements for our vehicles which are very well cared for. The amount of money & time we put in as well as the time and loss we have to deal with while getting a recon inspection is uncalled for. There has been many inconsistencies throughout the years with recon I have safely built and worked on many cars over 20 years to make sure our vehicle are in better working order than many that consume the streets of hawaii. Mahalo for you time and consideration.

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 7:37:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Curtis Kurahara | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support HB1651 HD1 SD1.

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Submitted on: 7/1/2020 9:01:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| lorin-michael Lacuesta | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

vehicle reconstruction is more of a hassle than the vehicle registration, ending it would make it alot easier for people that already bought a vehicle that has been reconstructed

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Submitted on: 7/1/2020 10:55:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

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| Josh Dulan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 7/1/2020 2:41:50 PM
Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Drake Ferronyalka | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I, Drake M Ferronyalka, support repealing of the Reconstruction permit. The extra step to safety our vehicles just because we have modified them to show our personalities isn't right. Ive had a car and a jeep both had trouble passing due to modified suspension. If it passes safety inspection and is safe to drive then why do we need to get a permit to even modify the vehicle. The fact we passed safety should be enough to prove the vehicle is safe.

Thanks,

Drake Ferronyalka

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Submitted on: 7/1/2020 4:16:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Sur Carbonell | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

The standard safety inspection of motor vehicles is the only step that should be taken to ensure a vehicles ability to travel on public roadways safely. The current reconstruction inspection is merely an extra unnecessary ploy to charge citizens more money just because they are car enthusiasts.

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Submitted on: 7/1/2020 5:19:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| scott | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 7/1/2020 9:25:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| WAYNE LEONG JR | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

Reconstruction should be removed and never thought of again.

the state already has safety check, Reconstruction is a waste of time.

Mahalo

Wayne Leong jr

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Submitted on: 7/1/2020 11:15:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| James Carvalho Apo | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

The Reconstruction Permit Program is unnecessary to have here in Oahu as the other county's do not use this program. I believe just one inspection which is the annual safety inspection is more than enough to keep track and enforce the integrity of the builds people are building. It'll also give more people chance to make their vehicles legally able to drive on the streets. Thank You in Advance

HB-1651-SD-1

Submitted on: 7/1/2020 11:17:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Cyrus Kanakaole | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support removing recon due to the fact we as car/truck enthusiast build our cars the way we like it to be but safely built, we take pride in our cars and trucks, if you notice a lot of accidents hasn't been cause by a modified truck , most accidents are cause by your regular daily drivers , and in case of flooding or natural disasters it's our lifted trucks that most of the time come to help . So I'm in FULL support of getting rid of Recon

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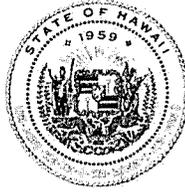
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Submitted on: 7/2/2020 5:23:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 7/2/2020 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Wayne Salvador | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:



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1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

**S.B. 213
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES**

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **supports** this bill to eliminate the reconstructed vehicle inspection program on Oahu.

The purpose of the program is to ensure that modifications to motor vehicles do not result in a significant degradation of safety. However, the people who inspect the vehicles are not engineers and often lack the expertise necessary to make an accurate judgement of the quality of work that was done on the modifications. To accommodate for this weakness, the inspectors rely on a 19-134-22, Hawaii Administrative Rules, which requires the vehicle owner to obtain approval of the design plans by a registered professional engineer. This is a difficult requirement, because the vehicle owners typically do not have a design plan, and they come to the recon station after the work is finished. Finding an engineer that will accept responsibility for the plans and the work at this point is nearly impossible.

Crash data that is available do not indicate that reconstructed vehicles are a safety problem on Hawaii roads. Until such time that it can be shown that they are a problem, motor vehicle enthusiasts would welcome the discontinuance of the program.

The reconstructed vehicle inspection program is not required on the Neighbor Islands. In those Counties reconstructed vehicle owners simply need to pass the periodic motor vehicle inspection program to register their vehicles. We suggest that this system should work on Oahu as well as it does on the Neighbor Islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 7:46:54 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| james lockard | Testifying for Serenity landscaping llc | Support | No |

Comments:

I James support this matter, I have had specialized vehicles my whole life not just for my business but also for leisure, they have never failed me anymore then a normal vehicle would. I believe we should be allowed to customize our own vehicles Without having to deal with reconstruction permits, we are the only island with this law. I have personally not seen any issues involving customized vehicles causing more traffic fatalities or issues on the roads , this is simply a stint for the state to make more money off of the common interests the local people of Oahu share.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 7:57:49 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| jean carlos rodriguez | Testifying for Drag Tech Racing & Ducati Owners Club of Hawaii | Support | No |

Comments:

To whom it may concern. Recon is not effective most will get recon and revert back to original modifications, therefore making the whole process a cash cow with no real benefits to anyone. Remove until there is a better solid alternative.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 3:48:22 PM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Bobby jay Gouveia | Testifying for 808 street rods | Support | No |

Comments:

Hi everyone my name is Bobby Gouveia and I support SB213 for the reason that there should be one place to have your vehicle inspected and that's through your safety station in your area of residence our safety check station are doing the exact same thing as the recon station the only thing is there in your area of residence so we don't have to go to town to add to the bad traffic that already exists and most people work on the only times that the recon stations are open our safety check stations are more then capable of handling both sides they are certified ase mechanics as for your recon station workers no one are certified ase mechanics so it is only right that we have our resident safety check stations do this inspection properly.thank you all for your time Happy Aloha Wednesday ᄇᄇ™

Bobby J Gouveia

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 12:59:17 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kainalu Froiseth | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

Growing up on the westside the life i live the beach and the mountain 4x4 truck are necessary fishing hunting,to help move fallen trees get tourist vehicles unstuck even helping during natural disasters theres people that make use look bad by truck cruces burning rubber or illegal offroading but dont take it out on use people thats its our lifestyle please get rid of this recon

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 10:44:56 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jerry Almoguera | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

I believe that recon is not necessary, other Hawaiian islands don't require it, and the people conducting the recon inspection are not well trained or verse on vehicle modifications criteria. Some of the rules they apply is subjective and based on their outdated opinion of how vehicles are modified. For example: They require you to tie down your battery with a strap, even though the vehicle has its own factory approved battery tie down system that all modern vehicles utilize. It doesn't make sense, they are inspecting items on vehicles that comes standard from the factory, failing vehicles because it doesn't meet their criteria, and are all vehicles not complying with DOT prior to having it reconed? If so then all vehicles in Oahu should be required to have a recon done on their vehicles.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2020 2:04:39 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Aaron Rideout | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

Honolulu is the only county in the entire 50 states requiring a secondary inspection.

Reconstruction Rules are antiquated and do not make the roads safer.

The latest revision of the rules was written in July 11, 1986, almost 34 years ago. In the 80's there were fewer performance aftermarket companies manufacturing parts/kits for vehicles. Modern aftermarket suspensions are designed on computers offer better fitment and safety. According to 2015 NHTSA crash statistics only 2% of accidents are caused my mechanical failures. 94% are caused by driver error. There is no significant data that shows mandatory auto inspections are making the road any safer.

Requirements for Reconstruction Inspectors are far lower than the requirements for a safety check station.

HAR 19-134-12 Recon Inspector Requirements

(1) Be a high school graduate or have an equivalent education level certificate:

(2) Have at least one year of employment experience in automotive repair or a related technical field (one year of experience in vehicle safety inspection activities or the supervision of vehicle safety inspection activities, may be substituted for this requirement):

HAR 19-142-11 Safety Inspector Certification

(9) Applicant's Technical licenses

HAR 19-142-12

(5) Each applicant shall have 1 year of training in auto mechanics or 2 years of work experience.

(6) complete a performance examination

Safety check stations have licensed mechanics that have ASE certifications. This requires formal education, many hours of on the job experience. ASE certification require multiple testing on different aspects of automotive fields like brakes, suspension and steering, They are also required to renew their certifications every 5 years. The amount of skill and professional experience of a safety check inspector far exceeds the technical knowledge of Reconstruction Inspector. It is redundant to require a secondary inspection by a less qualified person and could open up the state to unwanted liability.

The Reconstruction Office is unable to service public adequately.

According to HAR 19-134-16 Hours of operation. (a) county reconstructed vehicle inspectors and facilities shall be made available on a regularly scheduled basis and for such periods of time as may be necessary to insure that all reconstructed vehicles are inspected in an efficient and expeditious manner. (b) Reconstructed vehicle inspection stations designated by the county department shall have at least one appointed reconstructed vehicle inspector available to conduct inspections for a total of at least four hours during the period from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 pm, five days a week, except designated holidays.

Current Hours 12-3pm only 3 hours a day which is non-compliance of procedural rules. The reduced hours are not providing adequate services to the public. They are not providing reasonable times for inspection. Willam Chang, the manger at Motor vehicle control told me the change in hours was due to a staff shortage. I have been there when vehicles are backed up to the entrance of the parking lot, preventing people from entering. Wait times are increased and there is only a 3 hour window for inspection.

Income revenue does not justify staff salaries

Cost of Recon Inspection is \$15

To my knowledge, there are 3 full-time staff members and 3-5 trainees inspecting vehicles. I spoke with William Chang as asked how many vehicles were processed in an average day. He told me 30-50 cars. The cost of reconstruction is \$15. That gives a range of

\$450-\$750 per day

\$9000 - 15,000 per month

\$108,000 - \$180,000 per year

The average office manager makes about \$50,000 a year. Given that information, I suspect the state is losing money on the reconstruction program. I urge the lawmakers to look into the expenses of the department to see if what the actual costs. I think that they will find that it is fiscally irresponsible and costing the taxpayers money. I would also urge the lawmakers to talk to the William Chang at Motor Vehicle Control and get input from the employees that actually work there and run the program.

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Submitted on: 1/25/2020 9:23:43 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| jonathan weber | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the eliminating the secondary inspection required for modified vehicles. Reconstruction permits are unnecessary. The hours of operation if the facility has been cut so much, the state is losing money with the amount of customers it can accomodate.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/25/2020 6:28:19 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kekoa Graham | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

as a lifetime Hawai'i resident (born on Oahu, raised on Hawai'i island) I have also been interested in automobile hobbies and the car culture here since I was able to drive. It always kept me out of trouble and motivated me to work hard.

my biggest problem with this as a hobby has always been the inconsistency across the state when it came to rule enforcement and vehicle inspection, with Reconstruction being an Oahu only requirement. Reconstruction permitting has been really hit or miss over the years, mainly reliant on the particular mood of the inspector on the day of a planned inspection.

with the new, more stringent, networked Safety Check system currently applied statewide, it just makes plain sense to eliminate the redundant and bureaucratic Reconstruction permitting so all is legal car enthusiasts can participate in our sport and enjoy the car community that we are all a part of.

Mahalo for taking the time to read this.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/25/2020 9:36:13 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Brice Hiranaka | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 5:45:40 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Justin McClain | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Good morning. The Reconstruction Inspection is a process which doesn't directly have a positive impact on the vehicles in Hawaii's roads. The inspectors tend to be unfamiliar with automotive modifications. They tend to not know what the methods in which these vehicles are modified. For some vehicles, they feel as if the modifications reduce the safety for the operator and other drivers on the road. While this may be true for some. It is not true for all. Myself and many other enthusiasts know we have drastically improved the safety factor of our vehicles. Thank you for conducting a hearing for this issue. I look forward to seeing the end result.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:26:44 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Brandon Kumalae | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Repeal special reconstruction requirement for Honolulu county. Regular safety inspection meets same requirements to verify vehicles are safe to operate.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 8:13:25 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| J Laguana | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Testimony

Aloha, I am choosing to testify in support of SB213 as an enthusiast of the automotive community. There are a few reasons why I am submitting testimony. The first reason is quite possibly the most important, safety, as it should NEVER be compromised. Modifications that fall under recon would only benefit a safety factor by allowing people to install parts that are engineered to perform better (e.g., suspension, breaks, etc.). Manufacturers do not put out products that create unsafe vehicles or roads, but rather enhance driving conditions. The second reason I am testifying is in regards to the knowledge level of the inspectors. With no disrespect to them, as they are just doing their job, what qualifies the inspectors to pass/fail a vehicle? In my experience in obtaining recon, the inspectors are not vehicle engineers and are not qualified to inspect reconstructed vehicles.

Lastly, the people in this community are those who pay quality attention to their vehicles and keep their vehicles up to standard. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony in support of SB213.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:05:46 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Zachary Fossum | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support SB213. As an active duty military member and owner of a modified vehicle I do not think the reconstruction law is just. When I brought my vehicle in for inspection, an inspector walked around my vehicle and told me I need to make corrections or fix a couple things. At no time did the inspector have a checklist or list of things he was inspecting. The items were already with in the state law and reconstruction requirements. The inspector stated he did not like it and proceeded to fail me because of it.

I have talked to many people about the reconstruction inspection process. All of them have different stories on how one thing will pass but another will not pass. Many people suggest you have to have good luck and get the right inspector to pass. In discussions with the same people, no one has ever seen a checklist or a document the inspector uses to inspect the vehicles.

No other state that I have lived in has a reconstruction process. I believe this process is flawed and not needed and that is why I support SB213

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:52:54 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Seth Best | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Everyone knows recon is archaic and outdated. Recon inspections are just a money grab on the citizens of Hawaii, and should be included with the safety inspection. Anyone who modifies their vehicle still has to get a safety inspection, and I believe that is more fair than requiring two seperate inspections. You could even slightly increase the cost of safetys and Id be more willing to back that than keeping recon. The citizens have been asking for this forever! Repeal recon inspections!

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:55:22 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Richard | Testifying for tax paying citizen | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the repeal of SB 213. As a tax payer and owner/operator of vehicles in Oahu. We are mandated to do a yearly safety inspection regardless or not we have modified vehicles. Also reconstruction is only required on Oahu. No other county. As far as law enforcement in regards to vehicles, laws and county ordinance are already in place for rules such as mud flaps excessive noise (loud mufflers) and such. Is there any type of statistics that prove more accidents or any type of incidents happen more often with vehicles that are modified then not. Also reconstruction rules per inspectors vary depending on year make and model. For example vehicles after a certain year Have different standards then others. Do they drive on special roads that only they can? The people should not be required to obtain reconstruction this law should be repealed.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2020 10:18:37 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| dorian verdugo | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

The removal of recon would overall help the modified car scene as it allows people to express individualism and creativity without the rules and guidelines of Recon. As well as it is only oahu that has this law it is unfair to oahu residents.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 11:24:56 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| jason timm | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support this bill SB213. Reconstruction permit is a pointless process. Every vehicle that is modified is much safer than most cars on the road due to the nature of the builder. People take pride in the vehicles they modify and it's much safer than most of the old rickety, rusty dangerous cars that pass safety check with no problem. Reconstruction officers don't have any clue what they are looking at. They are completely incompetent at discerning what is right and wrong with a modified vehicle.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 11:38:53 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Elijah Kim | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the repeal of the reconstructed (recon) vehicle inspection and laws. Recon is redundant. The periodic motor vehicle inspection (PMVI) are the same thing. Recon targets motor vehicle enthusiasts that adjust the suspension of their personal vehicles but only applies to the City and County of Honolulu, which is not consistent throughout the State. Recon is a waste of resources (time, labor, and facility operations). Recon is also not a requirement throughout the United States. Please repeal this waste of resources when State of Hawaii can reduce vehicle registration costs or lower other taxes that are imposed to law abiding citizens.

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| DePaul Telles | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

I am an automotive enthusiast who is in support of NOT, I repeat, NOT having the drivers of The City and County of Honolulu go through the process of a RECON inspection to obtain a RECON permit.

First of all, drivers in other countys on the other Hawaiian islands aside from Oahu do NOT have to be subjected to the sometimes gruling process of securing an inspection appointment as well as having to endure inspectors who DO NOT have the full and appropriate knowledge of the current laws and proper procedures regarding passing inspections for a RECON permit.

Secondly, many enthusiast who seek out RECON permits have encountered unprofessional conversations, comments and straight up decisions based on the current mood of inspector(s). That is not only unprofessional, but it is unjust and unfair. It is that exact type of representation that our great city of Honolulu do not need for our city as well as our state of Hawaii.

Thirdly, the safety inspection process done by safety inspectors across the island of Oahu currently uphold the requirements that is needed for a RECON permit; bumper height, tire coverage and headlight height are all part of a safely inspection. Safety inspection stations on the other Hawaiian islands haven't reported any issues conducting safety inspections on modified vehicles, and that is a great thing. The other islands save on money, resources and time for everyone, including our HPD. One less thing our HPD would have to handle during traffic stops or road blocks.

My support for NOT, I repeat NOT continuing to having the drivers/enthusiasts of The City and County of Honolulu obtain a RECON permit to operate their modified vehicles on our island of Oahu stands. I thank you for your time.

Mahalo

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 11:46:49 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Casey Otsuka | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the repeal of bill SB213. I don't believe it is a needed law, and if we do need to go through a reconstruction inspection to insure the safety of our vehicles for the road why do we need to go through the yearly safety inspection if we already have proved our vehicle is safe for the road through the reconstruction inspection?

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 11:50:26 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Dalvin Capundag | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 12:26:46 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Derrick Woertman | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 12:51:29 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Ray Williams | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I think the recon inspection should be taken away because it makes owners of lifted and safe vehicles jump through a lot of hoops to just get their vehicle on the road. Hawaii is the only state that has this problem. Life on Oahu would be so much easier if everyone didn't worry about the very tedious recon inspection. The regular safety inspection is thorough but the recon is very nit picky.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 1:17:26 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jeffrey Strutner | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I wish to get rid of the reconstruction permit in oahu

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 1:26:12 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| James Templo | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 1:38:41 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kahanu | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Car culture is everything to the people young and old. Some of us look forward to events like Hawaii By Night, SPOCOM, etc. but are worried about being limited to certain things e can and cant do. This is a part of us that expresses who we are and we feel we cant do that without being penalized. This is discrimination in a sense of people who modify their cars in ways that make them happy and to express who they are get affected with fines and unnecessary expenditures.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 1:55:20 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Michael Angelo Cagaoan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Recon permits should be repealed, it's useless. Oahu is the ONLY island in the state of Hawaii that requires to get a recon permit for vehicles owners that have modifications on their vehicle. It is not fair for only Oahu residents to deal with this waste of a inspection. If the other neighbor islands don't have this, Oahu shouldn't have it either. The vehicle owner/ installer who have any modifications done to theirs or others cars/trucks have way more knowledge to know if what they added is safe or not. Inspectors are just going by the book and most of the things that are required to pass doesn't cause dangers to owner/others on the roadways. Overall, recon permit should not be necessary here in Hawaii

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 2:06:42 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| gabriel badua | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Most states don't have recon, so its unnecessary. Along with the hours of the recon office makes it extremely difficult to get it. From 12:00 to 3:00 pm they are open. Only three hours to try and get recon. Another reason I am against recon is because in the U.S, there are countless vehicles that are built crazier, yet they don't need recon in other states? Other states are doing completely fine without recon. So why do we need it? I guess maybe it's supposed to be for safety. However most people who actually modify their vehicle do an extremely good job , I mean why wouldn't they ?They buy a part for over thousands of dollars and most time when they build a truck it develops sentimental value to the owner so there's no reason as to why they would want to build their vehicle in a dangerous manner. Recon is extremely unnecessary.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 2:21:46 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kamuela | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I think the reconstruction requirement is a redundant waste of taxpayers money. It also creates a hardship for those who modify their vehicles within the parameters of the law. Their hours are 12-3 on weekdays, a small window that most people are working at that time. They also don't make appointments, if you show up its first come first serve and no guarantee you will be seen. Everything that reconstruction checks will be checked again at safety check. It's a pointless waste of the people's time and money.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 2:42:12 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Justin Belaski | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 3:35:30 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kyril Aganon | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I believe reconstruction permit should be removed from law because it creates headaches for car/truck enthusiasts including me who enjoy upfitting their vehicles to show their pride. It's definitely not fair that we are the only state in the country implenating this law while most of the states in the country have no such law of "reconstruction permit" Most of the upgrades out performs the factory specs, which I believe makes our vehicles much more safer than the average vehicle on the road today. Lastly, it doesn't make any sense why a vehicle in which has been altered can't past Hawai'i safety inspection when ultimately it still meets or exceeds the safety inspection checklists.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 4:37:10 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Valentino De Ocampo | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 4:38:23 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| William Jordan Yukio Goto | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support SB 213 to repeal the requirement for special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles prior to operation upon a public highway. The secondary reconstruction inspection is unnecessary when a safety check inspection is already in place.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 4:40:38 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Joseph Melchor | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

The Reconstruction Permit is simply unnecessary. The safety check is already in place to make sure that vehicles are "safe", so the reconstruction inspection just makes the process longer. It doesn't help also that the reconstruction inspection station is only open for 3 hours a day only on week days. Most states do not require a reconstruction permit, and every island besides O'ahu doesnt require it either.

I believe that reconstructed vehicle's are actually safer than most, as the owner is more knowledgeable about cars than the average person, enabling them to change out parts that make the vehilce run safely before they fail.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 5:22:07 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jared Ibane | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 5:25:59 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| adam nunes-ulep | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Simple believe that recon or no recon, people will still reconfigure they're vehicles as they desire. The majority of people tend to bring there vehicles to certified mechanics and places of business to get there's modifications done. Being that is the case, the vehicles are being modified correctly and in a first manner. I also feel that having the already safety check inspection is still more then enough. As long as standard vehicles function is in order (lights, blinkers,mirrors, and horn) that should be enough to know that a vehicle is safe

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 5:28:31 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| gavin kaleohano | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 5:54:20 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Lionel Uhlmann | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Hi, my name is Lionel Uhlmann. I have been a resident of hawaii for 15 years and absolutely love hawaii. Its home, however I find it harder and harder every year to keep up with the rules and regulations and fees related to vehicle safety and registratiuon standards. Certainly safety is a priority, however it is my belief that most if not all products offered by professional aftermarket part manufacturers are required to meet state and federal regulations in order to sell these parts. That means they are already certified to safely add to vehicles. That means that the state of Hawaii is wasting time and tax payers money that could be better used elsewhere to "double check" aftermarket parts. I think this is a tramendous waste of time and money and just causes a headache, not to mention the constraint it puts on the police department, expecting them to deviate from actual crime to pass out tickets for what is essentially irrelevant. Please pass bill SB213 and do away with the "recon" requirements. Vehicle registration is already too expensive in this state. Thank you for taking the time.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:01:19 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Max Higa | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I personally have not gone through recon before for my cars, although I will have to within the year, but whenever people I know go, it's a nightmare. Sometimes the inspectors will just fail people with anything they can find, a big problem was the intake air box in the engine bay moved a little bit but that was stock, he got denied because it could fly off and damage someone else's car or endanger others. Also does not help that there is only one place for inspection. What if I was to buy new suspension that's aftermarket because of it being used and cheaper than new stock parts? My car lowers an inch or so because of that, and now I need to go all the way to get it inspected when almost nothing has changed nor is it in anyway dangerous? I would think that safety checks are way more helpful at denying dangerous cars from being allowed to drive on the road. A smaller point to this, half the vehicles I see that I know need recon do not have it, and half the ones with recon I know do not have recon for there specific setup of the car. So it really just seems like it just wastes good people's time and doesn't punish bad people. I bet you could get her recon and take your lifted truck home and change the wheels to be way off spec and drive like you got recon for it, so I would love to see this repeal go through and have recon be taken away entirely.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:17:32 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| skyer akina | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am currently enlisted in the U.S. Army and got stationed at Fort Shafter, HI. The reconstruction permit was a major inconvenience to myself and other military personal in regards to getting my vehicle legal in the state of Hawaii. The reconstruction permit is a tedious and unnecessary part of Hawaii's vehicle registration process and should cease to continue.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:25:26 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| marie renee perbera | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| stephen bradley | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

A waste of taxpayer money, safety inspection is already a fairly decent vehicle inspection a second one should be needed and is easily bypassed.

SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| michael torre | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am in support of this bill to repeal the need to require recon permits for motor vehicles. How is it that the island of Oahu is the only place in the United States that has this law? I feel that the state is taking advantage of people's hobbies and the automotive enthusiast. I would rather have people spend money of their cars than on drugs! How about the people who don't even pay their reg or safety checks? Those vehicles are in bad shape and are hazardous on the road. Atleast people who modify their car/truck are on top of it and make sure their vehicle is up to date. I feel that this law is just another way to squeeze money out of the local people. I mean every year when the registration is due it keeps going up. So we already paying the price to just have a vehicle. When most people modify their car/truck it actually makes it safer. It's upgrading the stock parts for better products and safety of the vehicle. Most laws that are made don't even affect the people who make them.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:59:29 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| joshua bantolina | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 7:08:39 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Eli Ponimoi | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha, I am in support of HB213 for the following reasons.

The current reconstruction permitting process is an outdated, vague and an unnecessary practice.

From an financial perspective it provides relatively no source of income for the state. It is there for, a financial burden for the people and state of Hawaii. If one to argue it's keeping Hawaii's roads safe, please ask them to provide the statistics. There is absolutely none.

The reconstruction rules were written in 1986. In 34 years the world has evolved while the residents of Oahu is burdened the financial hardship of this outdated division of DOT.

The Reconstruction division is uneducated, misinformed, ignorant and extremely bias. They have created there own set of rules and laws that cannot be found in legislation. They have made certain modification (I.e Solid axle conversion) impossible to be legalized. There is absolutely no literature in current legislation that bands this modification. The bias management of the reconstruction department has been operating in and unjust way for far to long.

I have gone through the reconstruction process personally and was disgusted by the ignorance. Upon arriving there immediately told I would not pass because of fuel cell being relocated to the bed of my truck. After exposing to the "inspector" that it was legal and within specs of the "law" he still did not believe me. I brought a copy reconstruction

rules and highlighted all applicable information that related to my vehicle. He was unwilling to look at it. He then moved on, "inspecting" the front suspension of the truck, which he described as incorrect. Although the vehicle had an solid axle conversion done, he didn't agree to the fact it was on a coil over suspension and not leaf sprung. I then asked to speak with his supervisor. The supervisor seemed more knowledgeable and passed my vehicle. A few months later, for no reason or law, the reconstruction office would not allow solid axle conversion due to the fact of " frame modification". They said the all frame modification would need to be approved by a licensed structural engineer. They could not direct me to one. And upon reaching out to different engineering firms I was unable to an engineer willing to do so. According to title 19-5-134-I-11-B under frames There is absolutely no wording of that manner. This was a unjustified complete fabricated rule.

Lifts 6" and higher on independent front suspension vehicles require a large portion of the frame to be modified for installation. But yet this frame modification rule does not affect them. I was told is was a liability to the state for them to pass a solid axle converted vehicle. This makes no sense for a multitude of responses. First the liability of the vehicle falls upon the operator. If it wasn't safety checks stations would be sued daily. Secondly what about the hundreds of vehicles that were previously allowed to pass? They can now get into an accident and sue the state? I think not. The other city and county in our state does not have these archaic rules. With logic they should have high statistics of accidents involving modified vehicles. They do not. So why as a tax payer must we pay for a department that is unneeded?

SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| albert-john kaleo | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Joseph Bennett | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 7:53:11 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jarred Burns | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 8:17:04 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jake Hanawahine | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I strongly support.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:22:49 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| kalei | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

There is a bunch of people who love their vehicles and spend thousands of dollars to make their vehicle the way they want it to be. They spend all this money to find out they need a reconstruction permit that of which their vehicle can no longer pass which causes them to just have vehicles that will just sit and collect dust or even drive illegally. The reconstruction is a waste of money and a even bigger waste of time for everyone. For example they say its to make the roads safer but does it even make a difference? Does trucks with big tires hurt people? No. Does a vehicle without mudflaps cause harm to anyone? No. Does a lifted or lowered vehicle put anyone in danger? No. I believe that people with modified cars are the safest drivers because they put so much time and money into their vehicle that they would never want anything to happen to it. On top of that it's pretty ridiculous that we have to get a reconstruction permit considering no other state in the country has this. And on top of that people struggle to pass the inspection while others pass with ease just because they know someone that works there. I really think this reconstruction permit should be appealed because it isn't fair for the hard working people of Hawaii. And believe me there's thousands of others that feel the same way. Aloha.

SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Alfred A. | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 10:06:22 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| chasen sumait | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kristopher amero | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 10:52:40 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Byron Chong | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I 100% support abolishing reconstruction permits.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 11:55:18 PM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jordan Hall | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am and always have been against reconstruction permits.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 6:20:03 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jesse Sapp | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the repeal of reconstruction vehicle permits. There is no standard state wide. Only Oahu requires this and with the shape our roads are in I would think it's the drivers own risk to person, property and others that should constitute what they do to their vehicle. Why have a safety inspection along with a reconstruction permit where people can change their vehicle once they pass reconstruction. It's a waste of government resources as they need an officer as well as clerical staff to do the inspection. I do however support the inspection of vehicles for vin verification. There are times when they need to verify vin to make sure the vehicle is the correct titled vehicle.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 7:27:30 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Niles Kido | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 8:23:19 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Alika | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 9:55:08 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Chance kaneshiro | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I feel that there is no need for further vehicle inspection like reconstruction considering that we already have annual safety inspections. Reconstruction or "Recon" is putting the car community in a tough place where modifying your vehicle can be more of a hassle than it should be. I believe no other state and no other island in the state of Hawaii enforces recon it is exclusively on Oahu and in my eyes very it's biased because of that. The Recon station is only open 3hrs a day for appointments which also makes it very inconvenient to get a permit. I feel that there should still be measures takes with modified vehicles when it comes to safety check they should require a professional alignment to get a safety check. I am in support of bill SB213 because as someone who is an enthusiast in the car community i feel that this biased law should be repealed and we should use safety inspection to accommodate and require things like professional alignment with suspension upgrades and other things to assure that there vehicles are road worthy.

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 9:56:34 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Justin Lam | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

The reconstruction requirement in addition to safety check is an unnecessary hurdle that puts the burden of regulatory compliance from the city/county onto the citizen. Police should be enforcing and knowing the laws regarding vehicle compliance and be properly trained to notice if a vehicle is unsafe.

I believe recon should be an option! Not a requirement. I would like to say though, in recent years, the recon permit process has greatly improved. I am not sure if a new HAR was promulgated or if there is new management, but it has gotten better. I think that an OPTIONAL inspection for recon would be a better option.

It also isnt fair that the HRS is setup to specifically effect Oahu. It is like saying that the neighbor islands shouldnt be held to the same standard as oahu.

Mahalo

-Justin Lam

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 10:20:36 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| shea namiki | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

Reconstruction permits need to be removed because it is not a necessary requirement in correlation with an annual safety check inspection. As far as safety concerns, these guidelines followed by the "recon office" do not make sense. For example, As a part of their inspection, they require the owner to bounce their own vehicle from the front and rear which needs to travel at least 2-3" depending what the inspector that day feels necessary while not actually measuring the travel. How does that prove the vehicle is safe? I've personally dealt with many inconsistencies with this office between different employees. Some enforcing their own rules which go against what was written by Hawaii's department of transportation. Annual safety check inspections alone are sufficient because inspectors are ASE certified mechanics. They should be the only people claiming what is safe to be on the road. Thank you for your reading my input, please take my testimony into consideration for Hawaii's large group of car enthusiast.

Shea K. Namiki

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 10:50:52 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Debbie Calpito | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 11:22:13 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Michael Kitchens | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Dear Chair & Committee Members,

As a longtime advocate of the automotive industry and a well-traveled resident of Hawaii, I can see no need for reconstruction. Oahu is the only island out of the state that requires Recon. Hawaii is the only state out of all of the United States that has a reconstruction law. In addition, only eighteen States actually have a required safety inspection.

Reconstruction is an unnecessary charge and nuisance too our already law abiding, owners of safety checked vehicles. It makes no sense. Safety check already provides a proper vehicle inspection making Recon absolutely redundant.

I firmly support the repeal of reconstruction. It is unnecessary and antiquated and is simply not appropriate for our Island home. I ask that you support this bill wholeheartedly.

Mahalo,

Michael Kitchens

CEO - BTT, LLC

SB-213

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 11:54:34 AM

Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kaimanu Takayama | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the repeal of the law requiring the additional inspection and certification of cars under the title of "Reconstructed Vehicles" for the following reasons:

1) The law is often unfairly and unequally enforced by police officers in the course of their duties. Import tuners (owners who drive cars manufactured by foreign companies such as Honda, Nissan, Toyota, Subaru, etc.) are often targeted by police officers while owners of 4x4 trucks/SUV's or domestic cars are not scrutinized as heavily for the purported "violations" of Recon laws. If the law cannot be equally and fairly applied to ALL drivers, it should be removed.

2) The Recon laws are duplications of existing laws and regulations already required and enforced with annual Hawaii Safety Inspections. It would make much more sense and logic to simply amend the laws regarding Hawaii Safety Inspections to cover additional requirements currently addressed with Recon laws so that drivers do not have to go through the additional time, cost, and hassle of getting an additional certification that does little to nothing additional to ensure cars are safe for the roads.

3) Recon laws are nearly impossible to properly enforce because many drivers will make changes to their vehicles AFTER passing the Recon inspection process. This is easily witnessed with the large number of lifted 4x4's that drive on our roads with tires extending far beyond the fender well (illegal according to Recon and Safety Inspection) yet they usually have Recon stickers and Safety stickers. Many drivers will install "legal" parts on their car to pass the inspection process and then re-install the illegal parts once completed.

4) Hawaii is the ONLY state in the United States that has Recon laws in place. If there was any data supporting the use of such laws making our roads safer, more states would obviously have followed Hawaii's path and enacted such laws. When it comes to modifying vehicles and driving said modified vehicles on the road, Hawaii is nowhere near the top of states in which people perform such modifications and there is not a single study available that can demonstrate that laws such as Recon laws make any improvement to road safety.

Police officers already have a heavy burden enforcing large numbers of wasteful and bureaucratic laws and regulations that serve more to virtue signal than keep our roads

safe. Please focus the use of government and law enforcement time and money on issues that truly impact the lives of Hawaii residents and stop enacting/passing laws that serve only to make life more difficult for our residents. Repealing Recon laws will free up government resources and energy to address more important things like improving road quality, getting uninsured or unregistered drivers off the roads, and allowing police to focus on more serious charges such as vehicle theft (which is getting worse daily).

Sincerely
Kaimanu Takayama

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| Cyrus Francisco | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| christian duquqe | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Fearen Pabo | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

no more recon!!!

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| Rodd | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

I am testifying by way of email, because first of all, I am too busy making a living here in Hawaii, I do believe in being there in person, however, my work is too involved. I am testifying in support of this bill, because I happen to think there is no need of an added inspection, by person(s) who actually don't know anything about modifications. Safety checks are done by certified mechanics, people who go to school for this, and who knows what's safe, and what's unsafe. It's a redundant process. Recon was solely built to catch thieves who would steal parts off of others' vehicles, not as a safety permission. So how did it become so obscured?

Also, many modifications that are sold, are done in a safe manner, and require very little welding, if any. They are often times installed by professional builders, by whom have been doing this for years. Since this has become so strict, there have been numerous business on Oahu that were forced to shut down, if you take this permitting system away, this will encourage businesses to open up, thus, stimulate the economy. That means more income to the state. Also, because this law is in place, I'll bet there are a lot of potential vehicles out there on the road, whom don't even apply for safety checks, and that's worse. If you take this away, this will encourage vehicles to be safety check compliant, because individual shops will have the knowledge and power to properly inspect each vehicle and say they are safe or not.

We are the ONLY state who has this law. If this law was so important to have, then why doesn't the other Hawaiian isles have this? And why not in the mainland? In the mainland, they are free to do anything they wish (Modifications), as long as they are safe, and why wouldn't a person build it safe for their own family?

With so little things here to support the economy, I would imagine adding this will be beneficial, as there will be a lot more people spending money on modifying their vehicles. You will see shops open up, and these shops would need to be ASE Certified, and they would need to apply for their licences through the Hawaii Licening Board, and they can be sure that they are ASE certified.

Please support this bill, you will see good results.

Please view this video, this is the Big Isle (I think). If they can drive this around, then why not Oahu?

Thank you for your time.

<https://youtu.be/F6tZoRiblg>

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| Kiley | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Safety inspections are too much of a hassle and restricts us from doing what we would like to do to our own vehicles. Everywhere else I know of don't require a safety inspection, so why does hawaii need it?

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| A. Mikioi Edwards | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support this bill.

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| Scott-Michael Waracka | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha TRS Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee members,

I am submitting testimony today in support of SB213 and the removal of the reconstructed vehicle classification and requirements. I being an avid member of the car enthusiast community have had my fair share of run ins with this department. I have seen the requirements loosen and the whole purpose of Recon morphed into something that does not make a lot of sense. This process can be very frustrating as there is no consistency with the requirements that are enforced and what is written in the HRS. I feel these inspections do not increase the safety of modified vehicle as it was intended and the normal safety check program can be used if needed to inspect a modified vehicle. Oahu is the only island that has this requirements and I would really like to see any statistic that shows that modified vehicles on Oahu are safer than the outer island? I feel these requirements are a government over reach and I hope you find it appropriate to have these requirements removed.

Aloha,

Scott-Michael Waracka

A concerned Auto Enthusiast

Driftking96730@yahoo.com

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| Peter J Long III | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support this measure because it streamlines government and better allows for the function of regulations already in place. Extra stickers, inspections and the hassle of more requirements should not be necessary for the safe operation of vehicles on our roadways. The required safety inspection of all vehicles can and should be done without being required to get a special inspection sticker from one central location. Do away with this added requirement and unnecessary Recon headache.

Thank you.

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| Krystal Baba | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| kory oakland | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

My name is Kory Oakland and fully support the repeal of the reconstruction permit process. Besides the fact that it doesn't do what the original intent of the Bill was (to catch stolen parts being used) it also adds another redundant layer to an already complicated government system that is full of ineffective overspending. The Recon process is now a matter of making sure a car is safe to hit the streets which is what SAFETY checks are for. In fact, we need to get a safety check denial form to get Recon done then go back to the safety check station to get our Safety approved. please start streamlining government a little more and get rid of these redundant systems that are antiquated.
thank you for your time.
kory oakland.

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| Derrick H Wong | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

We need to repeal reconstruction permits because they do not work.

1. Law enforcement do not bother with them
2. Added layer of bureaucracy when the state's safety check system could be used for this purpose
3. Old and antiquated recon requirements that once served its purpose decades ago but now with modernized vehicles and updated safety measures, do not match the old requirements and its purpose

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| Michael Mastronardi | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am in support of repealing the Recon law on Oahu. It serves no real purpose and is not required in any other county of the state with no apparent negative impact. This requirement is burdensome to Honolulu County residents.

Please pass SB 213

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| Adam Nowicki | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Neil Vincent Palma | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Its a waste of time to get a recon to get safety check and its very inconvenient .

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| Isaac Nakandakari | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Recon for our vehicles is such a long process to get a safety check, theres steps needed to take before getting it and there are a lot of vehicles on this island that need it, a lot of our cars arent super modified and a danger to others on the road, this process may seem necessary but there are other island that have modified vehicles but they dont require recon before safety, for example, Maui, ive been there multiple times for work and all the locals there told me how theyre doing fine without it. It would be nice to not have to get recon.

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| Lincoln | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Safety checks and recon are becoming more and more of a hassle and pointless for citizens especially every year and especially recon. I think there are 15 states that have safety checks and that means that majority of the nation is without them, we should follow that trend. I also saw that Hawaii is one of the only states with recon. These are just more hassles for drivers and getting rid of them will make the state happier

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| Frank Daoang Jr. | Individual | Support | No |

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| Chayn Iseri | Individual | Support | No |

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| Aaron Pule | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Recon is a waste of tax money that can be channeled to fixing roads. Yearly safety checks already inspects for unsafe vehicles. Stop wasting my tax dollars and start budgeting our money wisely. Besides with car manufacturers releasing highly modified cars like my Shelby I'm stuck in confusion every year for my safety because my Shelby is OEM from the dealer it doesn't require a recon inspection, but safety check station keep asking me to get a recon inspection, due safety inspector being unaware of what is a dealership vehicle compared to a self modified vehicle. this is a hassle for me, and a waste of my time n money. Besides majority of modified vehicles are to increase performance and safety over the original standards

will you tell a home owner you can't install hurricane brackets on a older home and add extra nails to the roof rafters because you home didn't come with that many nails and clips connecting you roof and walls, originally...? That's an example of your recon laws but for vehicles

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| Justin Kauwe | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I have an older toyota (1995 Toyota 4runner) that after certain reconstruction rules and laws were passed deemed my vehicle ineligible to be fit for use on the road. All work on my SUV was done by a certified shop and welder. Because I was unable to get a reconstruction permit I was not allowed to update my vehicle in 2017. Since then I have had to let it sit and not be able to drive or use it for the past 3 years! I do not believe it is fair to people like me that enjoy outdoor vehicle recreation and are being forced to sell or let rot years of hard work and money. Please reconsider the reconstruction process. I believe safety check does a good job on it's own deciding weather vehicles are proper or not. I have attached a picture of my vehicle, I do not believe it is unsafe or ridicules. Mahalo for your time

Aloha

Justin Kauwe

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| Brian F. Funai | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am in support of this bill.

Brian Funai

Hilo, Hawaii 96721

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| brandon | Individual | Support | No |

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| calvin kuhns | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support this repeal of reconstruction vehicle permits. This is different states wide. Only the island of Oahu requires a reconstion permit. Your vehicle is your property. You should be able to be able to modify your vehicle, without having to go though and extra process to get it legalized. With the sharpe are roads are in I would think it's the drivers own risk. Why have a safety inspection and reconstruction permit when people can change their vehicles they pass reconstruction. It's a waste of government resources and a officer to do the inspection also a clerical staff. I do support vehicle vin verification. There are times they need to verify vin to make sure it's the correct titled vehicle.

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| Temoana | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

The Recon rules and requirements make it impossible for car and truck enthusiasts to really enjoy their vehicles. Having the Recon law repealed will also stop HPD from targeting people for unnessacry reasons like checking your tint because it looks too dark. Recon is a head ache and should thrown out because it's a waste of our time and our money.

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| Jose McDermott | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

The additional steps of special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles prior to operation upon a public highway is unnecessary. This is an additional process that is not needed since there is a safety inspection that is required. **Why is there an additional process if a vehicle passes a state required safety inspection?** The special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles office is unresponsive to majority phone calls for any questions pertaining to the process one needs to go through. **There is no valid standard and the standards are constantly changing. The taxpayer money can be invested elsewhere because the special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles is a redundant process.**

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| Mark Allan Rodriguez | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I moved to Oahu three weeks ago and was not informed of having a reconstruction permit. I'm from the county of Kauai and we have no such thing there. I moved to oahu for school and better opportunities, I got pulled over at the airport and the officer asked if I had a reconstruction permit and oblivious of it I said "no I don't sir I just from kauai 3 weeks ago" and I got a citation . I simply was abiding the traffic laws and causing no harm to anyone in any way possible. I just believe our state can spend more time on drunk driving that giving citations for vehicles that are slightly modified. Thank you for your time and consideration!

LATE

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| Jason Salvador | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in support to repeal the requirement for vehicles to have a RECON inspection. It doesn't make any sense that only vehicles on the Island of Oahu are required to get this inspection done, but none of the outer Islands have this requirement. The RECON inspection is just an unnecessary added cost to the people on Oahu that are already burdened with a hefty annual vehicle registration cost. The benefit to this repeal would be to save man hours used for this inspection/certification, and those personnel could be redirected to better help out any other offices that may be experiencing manpower shortages. Once again, none of the outer Islands have the requirement for this inspection/certification, so it would only be fair to the people of Oahu to not have to abide by this current requirement.

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| WILLIAM WINCHESTER | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am support of SB213 the removal of reconstructed certification because the other islands do not require this certification. If this certification is not required more vehicle will be registering for use and more taxes will be paid in this process. I positively support this bill SB213

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| connor shirokane | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Recon is a very unnecessary part of modifying vehicles, we are one of the few states that require something this strict just to modify a car. Even the other states that do have this it isn't as strict. I've went through this process of getting recon and it's not a fun process to just get your car on the road when it's modified. Instead of having it where you need this extra step to get safety (recon) it would be better just for safety check to see if the parts you installed were done correctly and safely.

thank you.

LATE

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| brandon j | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

WHOPEJR@hawaii.rr.com

Hello, I support SB213, Thank you ,William W Hope Jr.



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| Tsz Yin Lau | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I would like to urge your support on SB213.

Oahu is the only place in the whole US require a special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles prior to operation upon a public highway. Which create unnecessary burden for car enthusiasts. There are no other states requires a special inspection of modifying ride height and the method to measure safety is a joke under the current system of bounce check. A lot of the aftermarket parts were high quality and DOT approved and Oahu will not even let driver to use them to make their vehicle safer. Also, the bounce test is a joke because a lot of newer performance cars will never able to pass this test even in their bone stock form. Hawaii have a large market for aftermarket parts vendors and if we can repeal Recon, we can direct limited resources to more needed area such as fixing our road!!!!

Please repeal Recon !!!

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| Noah | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Recon has been a way for the state to limit what we want to do to OUR cars/trucks we deserve to be able to do what ever we want to them, people spend a lot of time and money on their cars/trucks to make how they want but then to find out that they can't drive on the road. To me personally I believe the mods we add to our vehicles are stronger than what comes from the factory, we spend a lot of money to make sure our vehicles are capable of handling daily driving and abuse, we make sure the are safe, safety is number 1 in the things we do.

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| robert s pry | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

This such a hardship on my family. I bought a Jeep on the mainland and then went to recon. they told me it would take at least a year to get approved because I needed a stamped engineer to review my application and the DOT had to review it.

really! This is my daily driver and such a hardship taking my kids to school and all other activities I do with the family. The city is missing out on revenue.

aloha,

Bobby

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| Stephanie Manera | Individual | Support | No |

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| Jesse Weber | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the removal of the Reconstruction inspections from State law. The inspections are unnecessary, redundant, and the inspectors are biased towards different individuals. Also, safety check inspectors are more up to date with common modifications to vehicles and are better suited to deem a vehicle safe to drive on the roads.

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| Lexi | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Recon should be done away with because there is no proven study that shows recon makes our roads safer. The officials that do the recon inspections do not specialize in such things as welding, fabricating, or have high knowledge in mechanical skills. My vehicle is considered illegal and unsafe to drive on the road because of the lift I installed that required cutting and welding to the frame. I would consider my vehicle safer than 90% of the other vehicles on our roads. I check every single bolt, nut, bracket, bearing, brake line, and every other important piece of equipment on my vehicle. I do this at least once a month to ensure my vehicle will get me where I need to go and home safely.

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| Trey | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I feel recon should be removed from our safety inspection system. It such a hassle for us car/ truck enthusiasts to get our vehicles street legal. It is really frustrating when you have someone that has little to no knowledge on modifying vehicles tell you that your car/truck is unsafe to drive on the road. I feel recon is unnecessary because right after a recon inspection is completed, you need to do a secondary safety inspection which goes over the same things that recon requires. My ultimate solution would be - completely do away with recon, keep safety inspections \$25 for stock vehicles & \$40 for modified vehicles.

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| Ken | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Getting the reconstruction permit is a pain for everyone who needs it. They are only open for 3 hours a day, making it very difficult for people who work to actually come down and get the permit. Not to mention, most times we have to wait in line. Trying to get through as many people as they can, the inspection is not fair for everyone, and it is difficult / rarely enforced. Reconstruction permits originated in the 1970's so car enthusiasts could claim what modifications / aftermarket parts they had on their cars, in case the car got stolen. It was a way to claim a fair amount from insurance companies, but that system has turned into what we have today, where it is just another way to prevent car from enjoying their hobby. Not to mention, Honolulu County is the only county in the State that requires it. The other counties seem fine without it, therefore Honolulu will be as well. Getting rid of the recon requirement would save inspectors, police officers, and car enthusiasts time and money, and it would be one less thing restricting car enthusiasts from enjoying their hobby in a State where there is no place to legally enjoy our hobby. I strongly support the repealing of the recon permit, and therefore strongly support SB213.

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| Dylan | Individual | Support | No |

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| Nico Galicia | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Since Hawai'i in general has such a huge love reconstructing vehicle's I believe it should be modified. There is such a huge community when it comes to taking care of their vehicle. By having to deal with stressful recon puts a damper in our community. Also, with other states not having this requirement, it's easy to analyze that the vehicle recon could be done with without

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| joe hipolito | Individual | Support | No |

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| Allen Sterling | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Please do away with the required "Recon" requirement of motor vehicles. If the state must have use of a "Recon Department" have them only be used for inspection of VIN numbers of cars, trucks, and trailers for suspected discrepancies of stolen vehicles or for registering homebuilt trailers.

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| Dustin Iuli | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am in support of SB213 to eliminate the need of a secondary vehicle inspection(reconstruction inspection) the process of getting your vehicle road legal is a hassle when modifying you vehicle. The fact that you have to pass a safety check inspection which still fails you for not having a recon inspection then go to the reconstruction inspection center pass the secondary inspection and go back to your safety check station just to get all nessacery documents to be road legal in ridiculous to say the least. A secondary inspection is something that is not required in most other states and from my understand other county's in the state of Hawaii. Another note to add is that realistically ALL vehicle inspections required by the state/city only proves that your car meet all necessary requirements to be operational on public roadways on the day of inspection and until you're due for another inspection you car could not be up to standard for safe operation on public roadways.

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SB-213

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 11:52:53 PM
Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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| Bradley Agcaoili | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Repealing recon gives freedom to drivers on how they want their car to look and expresses their personality through their vehicle.

SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kaleihaaheo Kauwe | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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| Submitted By | Organization | Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Likolehua Manuel | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the bill SB213 to repeal recon in Hawaii because I keep getting hassled by cops for having a body kit on my car. Body kits do not require recon permit & a lot of cops don't even know the law. They just cause trouble just because they think they're right. This year this cop was complaining about my body kit, wrote me a ticket for FRAUD USE OF TAGS/EMBLEMS, ripped off my safety sticker AND took my safety paperwork. This was SO wrong! My safety was for my car & no one else's. I went to court to fight it & the judge dismissed it right off the back! It's so frustrating to have to take time off from work causing me to lose money I can't afford all because cops don't know the law. I would really appreciate this bill goes throuh so I can stop getting hassled by cops. Thank you.

SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM



| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| David Hoppe Jr | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen of Honolulu I humbly ask that SB213 be ratified thereby ending the current Reconstructed Vehicle system (recon).

This fataly flawed system puts an unusually high burden on the public as well as the inspectors.

The inspectors are to look at and pass judgement over a bewildering variety of vehicles. No one person could be expected to keep up with inovations, both old and new, for so many differing vehicle types. The minimum qualifications to be an Recon inspector are quite low. Add to this a lack of the most basic inspeciton aids such as lifts, inspection trenches & equipment, a reviewing body of automotive architects and fabricators for consultation make the process subjective. The inspector is forced to make judgement calls based on what he/she is most familiar with often dicounting legal mods due to a lack of familiarity.

No practical means of appealing an inspectors decision exists.

The vehicle owners after educating themsleves by studying the statute and taking extraordinary means to ensure compliance will often fail an inspection with no recourse.

Recon is mandated state wide yet little to no enforcement occurs on the outer islands. Even handed enforcement is essetial for maintain the validity of any law.

The vehicle owner once successfully obtaining a Recon permit (often after multiple attempts)discovers that most State Safety Check stations will not inpect modified vehicles. I have personal experience patiently waiting my turn at an inspection station to be refused service simply because I followed the law and obtained a recon permit. It did not matter that the vehicle had not been modified in any way since the recon permit was issued. In the absence of dumb luck I have repeated this process up to 3 times over the course of a day in order to obtain asafety check.

Administering of the Recon laws is costly to the tax payers. The Recon fees do not cover the inspectors, clerical and logistical costs.

Please vote yes on SB213

SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM



| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Elijah | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Hope too come to an agreement that will allow vehicle owners to mod their vehicles how they want with no to little repercussions.

SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Gerold Hollingsworth | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Good morning/ Afternoon. I am a military veteran and currently married to an active military member. We have 4 kids and both work full time jobs. We have 2 sons that are special needs and the amount of work and time spent trying to get my vehicles recon puts added stress on my family. All my 2 year old wants to do is ride in his monster jeep as he calls it. Please think about going away from recon so i can spend more time with my boys.

Thank You

Navy Vet Gerold

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SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Reid Nebrija | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha, I am 100% in support of repealing the reconstructed vehicles permit regulations here on Oahu. I personally feel that it is completely useless and it is too strict for us vehicle owners. Why should we have it in the first place? If you drive around the streets of our island do you see every vehicle abiding by the regulations of what recon is supposed to uphold? Definitely not. It's hard to monitor and control what happens after someone gets that sticker on their bumper. It's all people need. Just get the sticker, that's it. A seemingly useless process that is falling through the cracks. Yes, sometimes law enforcement busts some vehicles with extensive bending of the rules but it doesn't solve or limit anything. Why in fact are we the only island with recon regulations anyway? Other islands have no such thing for reconstructed vehicles.

With all due respect I believe these regulations should just be completely repealed due to its lack of necessary and true benefits.

Thank you.

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SB-213

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Testimony for TRS on 1/29/2020 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| john kim | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Recon is a big inconvenience to a lot of people here on Oahu and a big waste of government money. I personally have had three vehicles that needed a reconstruction permit and all of them were a big inconvenience for me. I had to take off work multiple times for all the leaps and hurdles you have to do to get it.

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SB-213

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Joshua Blevins | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

The requirement for special inspection and certification of reconstructed vehicles prior to operation upon a public highway has been flawed for many years. The law is outdated and inefficient, unreasonable, and unrealistic. The 1 and only approved recon station and DOT do not have the resources to operate the law (ie. engineers, certified welders, qualified/knowledgable inspectors), reasonable hours of operation, and also do not operate in conjunction with one another. In all retrospect the reconstruction inspections can be passed on to the Safety Check Inspections (ie. fender flares, lighting, tires). Also, recon inspections have suppressed business growth, innovation, engineering, ... I personally know a few people who have left the islands because of industry suppression. This law can possibly result in business growth, expand industries, innovation, engineering, ..., which will increase collected G.E. Tax and vehicle registration for the state.

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Chelsea Belford | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Recon inspection should not be required.

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SB-213

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Harold Hirakawa III | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I feel that reconstructed vehicles should not be a problem as long as it's safe to drive on the road. Other islands of hawaii dont even got recon and I dont see why oahu needs it. I think it's just a way to make money off of the people. We all pay enough in taxes and registration fees every year. That should be more then enough from the people. Recon needs to be removed.

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SB-213

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| Kamryn Kepa | Individual | Support | No |

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| lynol kaawaloa | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

With all the other things going on in our islands, I feel that recon should not hold back all the amazing vehicles that we the people have build to enjoy. We deserve to enjoy the cars and trucks that we built!

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SB-213

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| Patrick Green | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Hawaii RECON program has evolved into something that it was not intended to be when created in 1965. Today, the program is run on the Staff's whim. There is no consistency with what is approved and what fails.

It is a "who you know" operation... if you know "somebody inside", the rules get bent and your modifications will pass... same modifications that wouldn't pass for the average vehicle owner who doesn't have an "inside" contact.

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SB-213

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| Reymar | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

In my opinion its not fair how we are the only ones that has to get this reconstructed vehicle inspection if we do something to our car. We are already getting safety checks yearly and it's just to much of a hassle trying to get the recon sticker. I see cars that needs the recon sticker but yet they wwill drive without getting one. Car enthusiasts is just trying to enjoy their passion with cars, They cause no harm to the public because they spends hundreds and thousands of dollars on car parts why would they ruin something they spent so much time and money on.

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| Sidney Horsfall | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

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SB-213

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Namakakiloookaonohi Lee | Individual | Support | No |

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| Elijah Tavares | Individual | Support | No |

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| e b | Individual | Support | No |

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| Daniel Tangonan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

In support of Senate Bill 213

HAR 134 was last revised in 1986. Its way out of date. Reconstruction inspections have been a problem for many in the automotive industry in Hawaii, from auto enthusiasts, and classic car builders to motorcycle riders and custom car builders.

It is basically a secondary vehicle inspection on top of the primary city safety check inspection for motor vehicles. Over the years i have been to the recon inspection station numerous times for my own vehicles and to help others get a fair inspection. I can tell you first hand that the recon inspectors where not the most knowledgeable about vehicle modifications and the components that were modified. Over these years i had got to know Willie who was the supervisor at the time. When talking to Willie about the qualifications that recon inspectors have he told me they have some basic knowledge of automotive components but no certifications in the field. Now, when we turn to the primary vehicle safety check inspections, we see that 99% of every auto repair shop that provides safety check inspections, are certified automotive technicians who have gone through ASE certification from the national institute for automotive excellence and safety. The clearer picture is that the safety inspection stations are more thorough and experienced on inspecting a vehicle to determine if it is of safe operating order to drive on public roadways and the correction needed to be addressed on the vehicle before passing inspection. To date, there has been no proof or evidence on any accident occurring on Hawaii's public roads due solely to an unsafe modified vehicle. There is no Recon on the other islands other than oahu. Those islands have had no problems whatsoever with modified vehicles getting inspections through safety check stations.

As of recently, the recon inspection station has reduced their operating hours from 12pm-3pm monday through Friday, Making it harder for people to get an inspection in a timely matter. We are talking about people who have jobs, who need to take off of work

just to get a reconstruction inspection and hope they pass so they can get a safety check. So heres an example of the process, when you put aftermarket wheels on your vehicle, you need to get a wheel alignment, then get a temporary safety check, then go to get a recon inspection, then back to get the permanent safety check. This takes up alot of time for people who would simply want to change their wheels. We could eliminate a whole step by just getting a safety check where they will do a thorough check of the safety of the vehicle with these new aftermarket wheels. Another issue is with many military personnel moving in and out of the islands, some bring their modified vehicles with them, it becomes a hassle for them to get their vehicle adjusted to hawaii's recon specifications. Thus, alot of military vehicles being abandoned and left behind when getting deployed or moving to get restationed.

Economically speaking, if recon is repealed, you will see less derelict and abandoned vehicles dumped on our streets. People will be able to finish their classic car project or fix their modified vehicle instead of having to trash it because they cant get a recon. You will also see a boost in the economy from automotive shops and consumers being able to modify vehicles with out the hassle associated with getting a reconstruction permit. This is a trickle down effect for the auto industry in Hawaii. Consumers will buy from auto shops, Shops will make or buy parts and accessories from the mainland, shipping and logistics companies will gain revenue for bringing them in to the islands and delivering to shops, vehicles will get inspected at state safety inspection stations, vehicle stays on the road and pays yearly registration.