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S.B. 2993
RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES

Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 2993 which removes the obsolete wording in section 286-236(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, that relates to medical waivers for commercial driver's license holders due to diabetes mellitus.

An amendment to a federal rule CFR 49 383.41(b) removed the requirement for commercial driver's license (CDL) holders who are treating diabetes mellitus with insulin to obtain a medical waiver in addition to their periodic medical examination. Rather than using a waiver, the medical examiner who examines the driver will confer with the driver's treating clinician, evaluate the driver's medical records and decide whether the driver's medical condition will have an adverse effect on the person's ability to drive safely. If the driver satisfies the medical requirements, a medical examiner's certificate with no indication of a waiver will be issued to the driver. If the driver does not meet the requirements, a certificate will not be issued.

The proposed legislation will align Hawaii's law with the federal regulations and will improve and expedite the certification process for CDL holders who are treating diabetes with insulin.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.