

**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 3165, RELATING TO AUTOMOBILES.

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BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

DATE: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 **TIME:** 1:15 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 225

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or
John H. Price, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

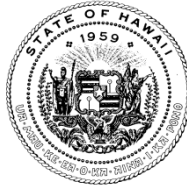
The Department of the Attorney General offers the following comments on this bill.

The bill, page 1, lines 11 through 15, requires passenger vehicles to be tested for emissions as part of the required safety inspection and to be certified "to have an acceptable emissions level prescribed by the director under subsection (g), . . .".

The bill requires the Director of Transportation to prescribe "acceptable emissions levels" that are not defined in the bill. The federal Clean Air Act (CAA) prohibits states from adopting or prescribing acceptable emission levels for new cars and from regulating or enforcing any standard or requirement of certification or inspection. 42 USCA section 7543(c).

Federal law preempts the subject of adopting or attempting to enforce any standard or any requirement of certification, inspection, or approval that relates to motor vehicle emissions. Therefore, the proposed amendment could not properly be implemented.

This problem could be fixed by applying the federal standards rather than purporting to authorize the director to prescribe an acceptable emissions standard.



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February 5, 2020
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S.B. 3165
RELATING TO AUTOMOBILES

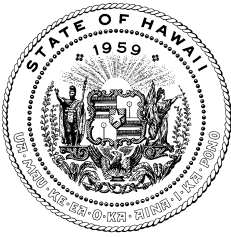
Senate Committee on Transportation

The department of transportation **supports** S.B. 3165 which requires passenger vehicles to be tested for emissions as part of the required yearly inspection, exempting those vehicles manufactured prior to 1975 and within the preceding five years.

If emission tests were implemented in Hawaii, our estimates indicate a cost to motor vehicle owners of approximately \$150 per inspection. In addition, the cost of the equipment to do the inspections will be about \$2,000 per station. The added cost to purchase the new equipment and additional inspection time may be a burden to many of the smaller stations who currently participate in the vehicle inspection program.

Language empowering the Director to set emissions standards may not be allowed if it is not in line with Environmental Protection Agency standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Comments in consideration of
SB 3165
RELATING TO AUTOMOBILES.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee. The Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on SB 3165, which adds an emissions testing requirement for gasoline-powered passenger vehicles to section 286 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

We appreciate the intent of the bill and defer to the appropriate agencies on implementation.

HSEO's comments are guided by its mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy resiliency, and clean transportation to help achieve a decarbonized economy.

Over the years, there have been increasingly frequent discussions in several other states regarding the term "vehicle emissions." The term was originally limited to the emissions of what are considered to be air toxics, smoke, and those emissions that contribute to the formation of smog. But as concerns increased regarding vehicles' contribution to climate change, the issue of greenhouse gas emission, fuel economy, and the ability of states – or the preemption of states' abilities – to set greenhouse gas emissions limits became quite active, especially in states such as California and those non-attainment states that had opted into California's emissions standards.

Although at the moment there appears to be a legal stalemate on the issue, with Federal actions in 2019 that claim to preempt "state and local tailpipe greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards as well as zero emission vehicle (ZEV) mandates," the HSEO continues to track these issues and welcomes dialog with interested parties on the topics of vehicle fuels, energy use, and vehicle emissions.

As noted in the 2016 Greenhouse Gas Inventory, transportation emissions in Hawaii were at 8.69 million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents, accounting for 51 percent of

energy sector emissions. Ground transportation accounted for 47 percent of transportation emissions. For Hawaii to meet its target to sequester more greenhouse gases than we emit as soon as practicable but no later than 2045 (Hawaii Revised Statutes §225P-5, Zero Emissions Clean Economy Target), as well as the transition to electric vehicles, programs that support the adoption of cleaner transportation options are extremely important.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



John Uekawa, President
Dave Rolf, Executive Director



HADA Testimony in SUPPORT the INTENT of SB3165
RELATING TO AUTOMOBILES

Presented to the
Senate Committee on Transportation
at the Public Hearing 1:15 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2020
in Room 225 Hawaii State Capitol

by David H. Rolf for the members of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association,
Hawaii's franchised new car dealers, who provide sales, warranty work and other factory-certified maintenance service for Hawaii's privately-owned and fleet-owned cars and light trucks

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the committee:

HADA members support the intent of SB3165 which proposes to require passenger vehicles to be tested for emissions as part of the required yearly vehicle inspection, excepting those vehicles manufactured prior to 1975 and within the preceding five years. HADA members feel that there should be one national standard for vehicle tailpipe emissions, including greenhouse gas emissions, and it should be set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), rather than individual standards set by officials in the different states, which creates a patchwork quilt of state regulations, making compliance difficult for domestic and international automakers.

There is quite a bit of discussion this year about the effect of emissions from vehicles. The following graphic is taken from the Federal Register, relating to the current federal Administration's new proposed EPA-NHTSA greenhouse gas emission standards for vehicles.

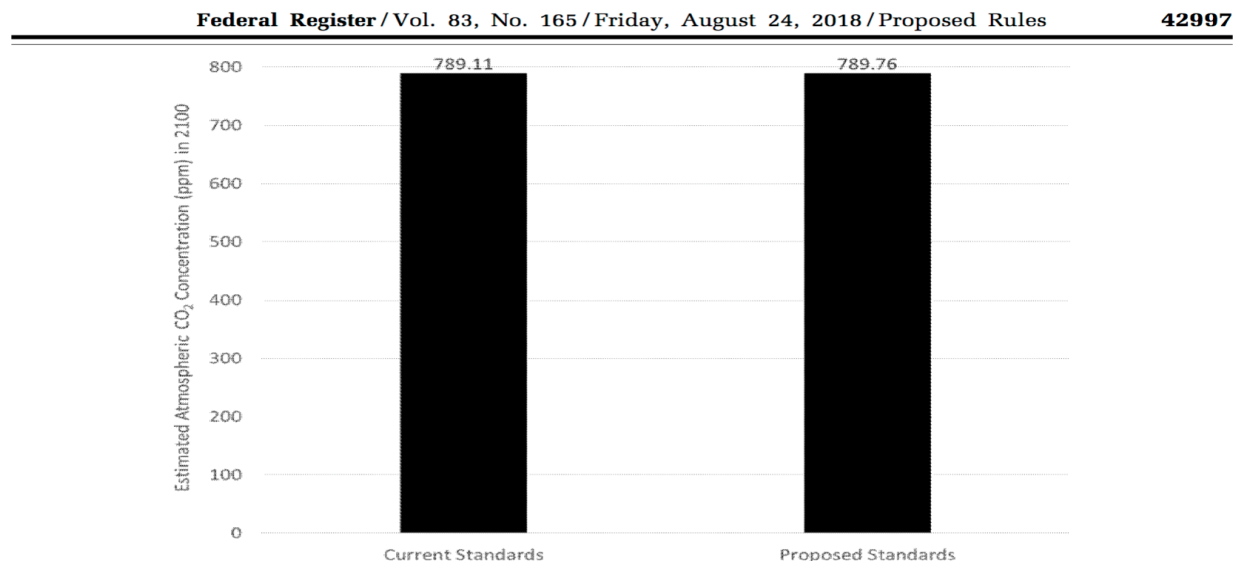


Figure I-4 - Estimated Atmospheric CO₂ Concentration in 2100

HADA notes that there are serious concerns about worldwide carbon levels in the atmosphere at this level in 2100.

Monitoring tailpipe emissions in Hawaii will help in working toward a solution.

HADA dealers thank you for the opportunity to provide support for the intent of SB3165.

Respectfully submitted,
David H. Rolf

HADA
Making Hawaii Better Together

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:07:13 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tenaya Calhoun	Testifying for 808 Diesel Performance	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a small business that would like to offer safety inspections, where will the equipment come from to test the emissions on vehicles? If it's from the business's pocket, the costs of equipment are expensive and hard to recoup for this type of test, it will take years!. Especially with the amounts charged for a safety inspection.

Adding more testing to vehicles is only taking away from the individuality of each persons likes and wants. While we understand it is for the environment, the process to which these steps are taken are at a huge cost to the consumer and business owner and should be looked at from the manufacturing side.

Please consider placing less restrictions on the people and hold larger corporations responsible for what they are producing.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:12:09 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LIBRADO COBIAN	Testifying for Oahu Motorsports Association	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I am a motorsports advocate and have 35 Years experience in the Environmental Industry related to EPA regulated Air Pollution Emissions ranging from the Construction, Petroleum and Industrial industry .No amount of catalytic converters on Hawaii cars will ever ever will be able to off set the amount of toxic sulfur air pollution our Volcanoes emit. This is a bill that will only benefit installers of smog devices for cars and emission inspectors and the manufatureres of smog device measuring equipment looking to profit in the Hawaii Market at the expense of Hawaii Automobile Owners who are already paying high registration fees. This whole save the plant Green Deal campaign launched and influenced by the little girl Greta Thunberg is going rabid and out of control. They need to know the Facts

. https://youtu.be/jPDg_cFN6Kk This Bill is a example of symbolic gesture legislation , like the Hawaii plastic bag ban, without any scientific research, studies or data proposed at the expense of owners of automobiles to appease those who want to feel they are doing something good for the planet and have done ZERO due diligence in examining IF such measures would even work or produce any benefit of its intended goal. This is a "Shoot Firstask Questions later type of Legislation " . Li Cobian

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:02:23 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha my name is Bobby Gouveia and i oppose bill SB3165 we already pay hi registration safety check insurance and up keep to keep our cars in great condition certain cars never came out with a smog control and would cost us thousands to get it back or to even put a smog system on a vehicle that did not come out with it,this bill would only create problems for our streets with abandon vehicles that cant pass inspection.

Thank you very much

Bobby j Gouveia

808 Street Rods

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:16:20 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin McClain	Testifying for 4Runnation, Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I was quite surprised to see that this bill has been brought forth for consideration for a couple of reasons. One being that Hawaii currently has no detectable smog or levels that would be cause for concern. While we do have an air quality requirements for industrial usage. Second, this may be a reason that the state may continue to see abandon vehicles littering our roads. The reason being not everyone will be able to spend the money on repairing a car to the point to which it may pass emissions testing. I have never lived in an area where this type of testing was required. Form what I have gathered from others, it may at times be something simple as an O2 sensor. While at other times it could be something such as an engine needing to be rebuilt due to faulty or dirty components. These issues could cause residents to be without a vehicle. Not everyone can afford to take out a loan for a newer car. And the rail, even when finished, is feasible as there will not be a substation near everyone and they will not stop close to where some people work. Some of the guys I work with live in Waianae and work Campbell. Hope you take this into account when you cast your votes.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:26:22 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Bohlen	Testifying for Climate Protectors Coalition	Support	No

Comments:

The Climate Protectors Coalition strongly supports SB3165!

Testing motor vehicles would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help address the climate crisis. Other states have done this for decades. Please pass this bill! Mahalo!



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To: The Senate Committee on Transportation
From: Brodie Lockard, Founder, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 1:15 pm

In strong support of SB 3165

Dear Chair Inouye, and members:

350Hawaii strongly supports SB 3165.

California, Hawaii's long-time rival, follower and inspiration in passing clean energy laws, has inspected vehicle emissions levels for decades. Here, once again, they should be our inspiration.

Many bills this session deal with electric vehicle rebates, infrastructure, and adoption by the State and by consumers. These worthy bills should advance.

But a potentially huge source of greenhouse gas emissions festers right under our noses. Checking every gasoline powered passenger vehicle's emissions and requiring certain acceptable levels is an obvious, effective way to help meet our clean energy goal. It would target a major problem directly, provide income for the state, and require only a small effort from consumers.

Combining emissions checks with safety checks would mean most consumers would barely notice the requirement, beyond the added fee.

Emissions checks for every Hawaii vehicle is simple, convenient, and an effective way to lower our greenhouse gas production. Please pass this bill.

Brodie Lockard
Founder, 350Hawaii.org

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 3:13:06 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryan Bonilla	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB3165.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 4:52:46 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
john	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 6:23:07 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Young-Osborne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose smog check in Hawaii. It imposes more equipment for shops to carry and majority of the vehicles on Hawaii roads do not need to be emission tested. I'd rather see the effort and funds used to investigate places that buy stolen catalytic converters.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 8:49:10 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jesse garo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am submitting this testimony to oppose SB3165. Here in our islands we have NEVER needed it as our automotive emissions contribute to nearly nothing on terms of air pollution. Also, as an automotive expert of over 15 years who is also sun scope emissions testing certified I can tell you that emissions testing devices are VERY expensive. It makes no financial sense to change our drivability standards and spending copious amounts of money to fix a problem that quite frankly does not exist in Hawaii. This bill will only serve to hurt the daily commuter and the DOT's budget. Being a mechanic in Hawaii for soo long I can tell you that there will literally be thousands of vehicles that will not register because of their inability to pass the emissions test that was not required ever in the state of Hawaii. Furthermore, it appears that this bill is mimicking California EPA standards but on a more stringent level exempting only vehicles manufactured before 1975. Even California allows 25 years and older vehicles to be registered as "classic" or "historical" vehicles. It would be ridiculous to even consider passing a bill that has no cause to improve air quality in a state that has been reported for having one of the lowest air pollution nationally. All thanks to our cool Hawaiian breeze. This bill is irrelevant, we are not California, and Hawaii has much bigger problems to focus on. I respectfully ask you to reject SB3165.

Mahalo,

Jesse Garo

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:11:54 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ben Realica	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against this bill because I do not see the point in doing this. The current safety check system is good enough.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:32:49 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse Weber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Emissions inspections are for mainland counties to prevent polluting neighboring counties. This reduces the effects of smog in many areas prone to collecting gasses emitted from vehicles and industrial businesses. The geographical location of the islands does not necessitate this additional inspection. This bill will only further burden the citizens of the Oahu.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 11:14:49 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Me and my wife are full time employeed taxpayers with a family of three kids. I oppose this bill. What a way to keep people born and raised in Hawaii here just one more expense that is not needed. And you folks already raised the registration to help fund a rail system You folks are so confident in people riding it that should help the emissions you are so worried about. Are you just trying to use the power of your positions giving to you by the TAXPAYERS to force use of the rail system. Maybe instead of introducing bills like this you should look at highway repairs that will last you know important things that will help you should fix the big things instead of introducing little things that right now aren't really that important.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 2:44:35 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
calvin kuhns	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose the repeal of smog. The state doest have enough funds for such an expensive equipment to test vehicles. You would also need a smog inspector, separate from the safety check inspector. We pay every year for safety and registration. Why would we need smog? We live on an island smog doesn't make sense. It would be a waist of tax money.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 11:26:23 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Casey Mark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose smog because it will create a major inconvenience to modified AND non modified vehicles. Vehicle enthusiasts who indulge in building their vehicles will be hindered and restricted in relation to how Reconstruction Permits killed many dreams of building what they truly desire. Un-ethical regulations such as smog not only will destroy the passion of vehicle enthusiasts but will only cost more for inspection stations and consumers especially on top of such high registration costs.

This will not only affect modified vehicles, because non modified vehicles with motor/ catalytic converter problems will also be vulnerable. With the use of smog regulations could possible increase car theft/ robberies as it will create a "market" for catalytic converters, in which they will become more valuable and needed.

I do not support this bill because it will only destroy the passionate motivation of vehicle enthusiasts, cost more for consumers regarding time and monies, and WILL increase crime with theft and robbery.

Mahalo,

Casey Mark

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:20:36 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:13:26 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Efren Guillermo Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We already have the Safety Check Inspection and Reconstruction Law!

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:51:50 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 11:08:58 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:24:12 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE! My classic Toyotas are 34+ years old. The motors are stock, with all necessary systems that would have easily passed smog testing 30 years ago. That is not the case now when those same parts are 34 years. Like all things, time degrades the efficiency.

Unfortunately, because of the age of my classic cars, parts are no longer available on the market(specifically new EGR systems). Passing this new regulation would kill every classic car that personal collectors/enthusiast work so hard to restore and keep alive!

Please do not take my classic cars away from me.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:17:31 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:09:51 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jean carlos rodriguez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is an absolute mess. The fact that this bill would allow cars pre 1975 to skip emissions testing proves it's really not about emissions or the environment. Cars in those years, though not in huge quantities, prove to be a greater threat to the environment when compared to a modern vehicle with emissions being a priority at the time of engineering.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:21:39 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jose McDermott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Emissions testing is not necessary in Oahu or any of the neighboring islands. This is not California where there is an issue with air pollution. The islands encounter strong winds and enough rainfall to keep our skies clean and clear. **Just because these regulations have been utilized in the mainland US doesn't mean they are necessary for Hawaii.**

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:28:07 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi, I have been working in the automotive field for the past 20 years, so this is something that I am rather familiar with. Emission checks here is a bad idea for many reasons. Cost of safety inspections/emission check will increase dramatically due to the costs of equipment needed to perform the checks. Inspection stations will need to have a dynamometer as well as a 5 gas analyzer which is high in costs to purchase. Also, what happens if all of the current inspection stations refuse to do inspections anymore due to the high cost of equipment that they have to pay out of pocket? The equipment needed is in the price range of \$30k or more. California had that problem, and the state was forced to provide the equipment because people refused to pay out of pocket for it. Cost of living here is so high already that people can't afford to buy new vehicles and they tend to hold on to there vehicles here longer than the national average. And if the vehicle were to fail emission inspection, people would just abandon their vehicle due to the fact that they cant afford to repair their vehicle. We already have a vehicle abandonment issue and emission checks will make it worse especially with tow yards refusing to tow vehicles away due to low scrap prices. I also wouldn't be surprised if vehicle thefts increase due to the fact that if people can't afford to fix their vehicle, they might just tend to steal other vehicles to take parts to fix their own vehicles. HPD is already understaffed, and now you are going to make them spend more of their time tending to vehicle thefts when there are a lot more pressing matters to tend to. Those are just some of the reasons why having smog checks here is a bad idea. Thank you for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:03:01 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

These checks do not work, with people constantly stealing people's catalytic converters this will just make it harder for hard tax-paying people! They should also abolish the safety check and just focus on enforcing the current law. There is a constant stream of people driving without insurance, those same people won't care about smog.

Ryan

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:07:37 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avery J Tsui	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honored Lawmakers,

My name is Avery Tsui. I'm a Estimator for the Honolulu Branch for a national electrical distribution company. I'm also a father of 3 adult children. We are all struggling to survive and afford the cost of living in the State of Hawaii.

I am opposed to SB3165. With the high cost for living in Hawaii, we simply cannot afford any additional costs, taxes, and regulations. SB3165 will mandate that vehicle owners will have additional costs to own and operate their vehicles. Our cost of living is already higher than most of the nation. We simply cannot afford additional costs to live here in Hawaii.

Respectfully, Avery Tsui

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:45:39 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clifford Troxel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

Just wanted to point out how much of a problem this will cause for those of us that can barely afford to pay the already high cost of living here in hawaii. It will cause a much unneeded stress for those such as myself who own older vehicles which most likely will not pass. I myself am unable to afford the repairs or modifications required to get my vehicle running smog legal. Which I will most likely end up driving illegally in order to make money. This will most likely lead to me recieving tickets which I cannot afford to pay. This will cause debt to accumulate due to majority of Hawaii's residents barely making it paycheck to paycheck. The state will not have gained much money physically but will have a back log of owed payments which may seem like a profit if and when they ever see that money. Pew have been smog free for so long and many vehicles are not smog legal being so old. Tha k you for your time

Clifford Troxel

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:49:06 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I respectfully oppose the notion of SB 3165.

I believe that, within the state of Hawaii it is complete unnecessary creating another hurdle for those trying to get their car registered every year.

The current safety check inspection should suffice to keep cars safe on the road. Having a car be able to meet safety check requirements require less monetary cost to repair or become up to code and regulation. In regards to fixing tail lights or headlights can range from \$50 to \$400 which is pricey for everyone but manageable.

For those with slightly older cars that have a lot of miles on their cars or use their cars excessively for use of everyday living it may be more costly to repair an exhaust system. For instance the cost to repair a catalytic converter can range from around \$900 to \$2000. This may difficult for those who are within the lower/middle class with means that are less fortunate than others.

Thank you for reading my opposition for SB3165.

John

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 11:34:37 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lane seigaku	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am in opposition of SB3165 which is the introduction of smog check. Sometimes I just don't understand this state and why they do things so backwards and wrong. Just like the cost of our registration and how it constantly rises every single year, some vehicles are already in the 600's for fees. Tell me why you are trying to introduce it now. Trying to copy and follow california is already unnecessary, or location and weather conditions are completely different. Hawaii has one of the lowest ozone pollution numbers out there. Also the fact that you'll be hurting longtime businesses in the car industry; when I say hurting, not just garages but the people that you FORCE to do safety checks. They already waste alot of time on implementing iPads and employees for longer safety checks which is b[REDACTED] it. Now you'll basically make them check for exhaust, which they themselves will have to purchase the equipment and again, waste more and more time when they could be making money to survive. Hawaii doesn't need smog check, period. Theres already a very large amount of vehicles (motorcycles, trucks, cars, mopeds) that have modifications. So you'll force them to change everything out by saying, " hey you can't drive with your car like that now (which they've been doing so since the 1960s). Its only going to get worse if you try to take away something that we've always been able to do and like. This state is so backwards, it's crazy. Even the police officers have exhaust and all. Hawaii is already so expensive to live in as is, why disrupt something and make life harder and take time away from our everyday surviving. Theres more important things you could be doing besides harassing the car industry and people's hobbies, which sometimes, is all they have. Focus on other issues, the rail is already a piece of s[REDACTED]t and way over budget with empty promises. The roads are horrible, our homelessness is a major problem, our justice system is horrible, cost of living is terrible here. Hawaii is also so, "anti small business".

Leave the car industry alone, please, alot of us grew up with cars. It's in our blood, we used to help our parents fix cars; they used to take us to the track to watch all these amazing cars race. Please don't add to the headache of living in hawaii, we just want to do our hobby in peace.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:44:19 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I STRONGLY oppose this bill. As it stands, the safety check system is already so backed up. A colleague of mine went to get his safety check last week and there was a three (3) hour wait. Also, with the new safety check regulations with all these unnecessary pictures, and electronic submissions, the process takes so much time that it is often not in a shops best interest to offer a safety check any longer. The time it takes to complete a safety check as it stands right now, is already too lengthy. If we add emmissions to that requirement, not only will the wait times increase, but more and more shops will stop doing safety checks because what is the point of taking one (1) hour of shop time to complete a safety check with emmissions when you can charge what? \$50? \$60? A typical shop charges an hourly fee of well over \$100. This is to sustain business and pay overhead. Once shops stop doing safety, there will be a snowball effect where less and less shops conduct the inspection and the lines at the shops that do will grow exponentially. These shops will be so inundated with safety checks, they will either go out of business or they will stop performing safety checks....furthering the problem.

I have single handedly witnessed emmissions testing in California, one of the strictest states when it comes to vehicle emmissions. The process is hard, and burdensome, both to the consumer, the state, and the small businesses that offer the emmissions testing. California, however, does not currently have a safety check. Emmissions testing in california went from a small sensor that was placed in a vehicles exhaust, all the way to a requiring shops to purchase a large dynamometer to do a rolling emmissions test. This was, and is unacceptable, and not possible for most shops here in the state.

If the legislature is concerned about pollution, the State of Hawaii has some of the best air quality in the world. Rarely is it ever a hazy day here. Witnessing smog in California as well as China, I believe that we need to focus more on CLEANER electricity. We need to stop HECO from burining Diesel to power our island. Diesel, while not producing as much CO2 as Gasoline, produces the harmful particulate matter that does cause smog and respiratory problems in humans.

Another HUGE concern with this bill is the exemption of larger vehicles, and diesels. These gross polluters should NOT BE EXEMPT from emmissions testing, should testing

be signed into law. Its not fair that a prius needs emmissions testing, but the military guy in his lifted cummins dodge who is rolling coal (blowing black smoke) all around town, doesnt.

I oppose emmissions testing in the state of Hawaii. I oppose this bill.

Justin Lam

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:54:35 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blake Yamamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe that having emissions testing here in Hawaii will cause more harm to the community because it causes more stress on the vehicle owner, if a vehicle fails then that person would then have to spend a lot of money to get it fixed or it forces them to get into a new car which they possibly can't afford. This in turn would lead to more abandoned cars or more people driving their car around illegally because they cannot afford the cost. The cost of living is already so high in Hawaii and if you increase the cost of owning a vehicle which is most peoples main source of transportation, how can these families make ends meet. This would also force inspection stations and HPD to buy costly testing equipment to verify if a car passes emissions to enforce this bill.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:21:52 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Tangonan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this bill. Emissions programs in general are put in place for air quality. We do not have an emissions or air quality problem here in Hawaii because of our location in the middle of the pacific ocean. Our tropical weather and trade winds keep our air quality clean. The most air pollution we get in the entire state is from volcanic gas and vapor on the Big island of Hawaii.

The federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7511a) requires vehicle emissions inspection programs in large, urbanized areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. Large urbanized areas meaning places like Los Angeles, Chicago, Pittsburg, etc.

We have not heard of or seen any data showing that the air quality in Urban Honolulu, or anywhere in the state of Hawaii, failing the National Air Quality Standards.

Another reason why i oppose this bill is because we already have Safety check inspection stations that do thorough inspections on motor vehicles including catalytic convertors on vehicle exhaust systems. Adding an emissions program will only add costs to motor vehicle owners who are already paying higher than normal vehicle registration costs. People living paycheck to paycheck may not be able to afford retro fitting their 20 year old vehicle needed to pass emissions testing, and they certainly wont be able to afford a new car, thus making it a concern for more derelict and abandoned vehicles in the state.

Another cost factor is what entity or state department will oversee this program? how much will it cost to train and implement an emissions program? Emissions testing equipment costs thousands of dollars and need to be certified and calibrated regularly. Seems that the cost will out weigh the benefits of this program.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:10:31 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

I strongly oppose installing requirements of emissions testing in the state of Hawaii. With vehicles being mandated to be more efficient off the factory floor, there is no need to install this at this time. For example, Washington State just ended its emissions testing program after 38 years noting the following:

“The Washington State Department of Ecology explains:

Air quality in Washington is much cleaner than when the program began in 1982, and every community in our state currently meets all federal air quality standards. The combination of the testing program, advances in vehicle technology, and improved motor fuels have led to significant reductions in transportation-related air pollution.

In 2005, the Legislature passed a plan to phase out emission testing based on Ecology’s projection that we would no longer need the program by 2020 ([RCW 70.120.170](#)). Despite the end of mandatory emission testing, we believe air quality will continue to improve in the years ahead as newer, cleaner vehicles replace older, less-efficient models.

Even after the emission check program ends, Ecology and our [local clean air agency](#) partners will continue to monitor, protect, and improve air quality. We are also continuing to work to [reduce greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles](#) — the largest source of carbon pollution in Washington.”

<https://q13fox.com/2019/12/27/washington-says-goodbye-to-vehicle-emissions-testing-on-jan-1-2020/>

If carbon pollution is the worry of the state of Hawaii, we need to look at our largest industries, The United States Military (all branches) and tourism. It is my understanding that the U.S. Military is exempt from all EPA regulations for air pollution, on land, and out at sea. Hawaii had more than 10 million visitors visit the islands in 2019 alone. If you add up all the pollution from those 10 million visitors, in both carbon pollution and waste pollution, you will find much of the problem.

Don't punish the roughly 1 million residents by troubling them with emissions testing, to counter the pollution of 10 million visitors.

Thank you,

Ryan Willis

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 2:33:26 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Al Ramiscal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

For smog check here on island is the most outrageous thing this state has come up with with the rail being the first. First was recon a sorry excuse to say the least that didnt work because not even the workers there didnt know how to do their jobs correctly. the state needs to realize that motor sports will always be apart of the life style here in state. Why is it only Oahu that has to abide by these so called recon laws I thought king kamehameha the great united all hawaiian island to be one? So why is it that other islands dont have the same? We maybe the most populated but what's happening isnt fair on all levels if its tax money the ridiculous vehicle registration fees or safety check honestly the way I look at it it's another way the state says they need money to pay for the rail. Now as far as this smog thing you guys wanna pass is not gonna work we are in the middle of the ocean with trade winds we have the cleanest air possible now you'll say we want to stop street racing stop modifying cars it's bad yes theirs a few bad apples we were all kids once and didnt know better but guess what we all grow up and learn from our mistakes the state is quick to blame cars for street racing blah blah blahthis sounds all the same as gun control that's another can of worms I'm not getting into. I've been working in the auto industry for the last 5 years but been around cars and the life style my whole life and I really do enjoy it and wanna live here with cars and not move to another state cause Oahu dont understand it they only see it as a liability or a way the state can make money (in other words robbing us blind and calling it tax) I've seen alot of good people leave Hawaii cause cars was their way of living modifying making the normal stock better. I really hope it dont come to smog I can live with safety but safety and smog brah that's to much already david ige and Kirk Caldwell should be taken out of office for leading Hawaii into a s***y situation ever since they was in office Oahu has taken a turn for the worse. Hoping this dies and doesnt come into effect seeing family and friends leave the island for the same stupid reason is getting old and I'd hate to see more of my family and friends leave what we call our home

LATE

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:56:46 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Dinner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

If we are going to have standards, we might best insure that they stand up over time. I wonder if there is any anticipation in the law as to the cost of repairing an automobile that fails the emission standard and the consequences if the car can't be brought up to an acceptable level. Is there a grace period if a new car must be obtained?

LATE

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:24:23 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Branden Lohrey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hawaii already has some of the cleanest, if not THE cleanest air in the nation. There is just not enough space here in Hawaii to put enough cars that could remotely affect our air quality. That's why the observatory on Mauna Loa, which was set up to measure changes in the elemental makeup of the atmosphere on a global scale, was chosen to be placed there. They needed to find the cleanest air possible to be able to measure even the most minute changes to these elements which greatly affect global climate change.

As a comparison, Los Angeles had a population of roughly 4 million people in 2017 packed into roughly 500 square miles while Hawaii had a total population of only roughly 1.4 million people in 2018, but spread over almost 11,000 square miles.

Having both lived and worked here in Hawaii all of my life, it is already hard enough for local residents and businesses to afford to live and operate in our economy. Most people that I know that have also lived, worked, and paid taxes here all of their lives are all living paycheck to paycheck and just barely scraping by. Passing a bill that not only directly adds to yearly expenses for both the individual as well as local businesses, but also indirectly increases costs if these individuals who are barely making it now need to invest more resources into costly repairs or even new vehicles and fleets, could be detrimental to whether a person or business can actually survive here.

There is more to this issue than just trying to put more of our taxpayer money back into the economy. This bill could potentially cripple the already limited working middle class by either drowning them in debt or even directly causing them to immediately shut down due to lack of operating costs. As an example, my dad was born and raised here in Hawaii and has been running his very small business here since 1990. I have worked with him the last 10 years since I have hit the full-time workforce after college. If this bill passes and our old work van's can't pass the emissions testing, I am sure that we would not have enough capital to replace all 4 vans as we just barely cover our payroll and taxes every year, let alone show any sort of profit. Without our vans, we absolutely cannot operate our business. Hell, there's not guarantee that our old personal vehicles will pass inspection, so we might not even be able to make it to work!

I seriously hope that you all will give a good, complete thought to this bill and how it affects the actual people of Hawaii. While I do understand the motivations and good

intentions behind wanting to keep our islands beautiful for future generations, I hope that you see that there are many consequences to your decision, not just lofty ideals that may or may not even be necessary at this, or any point in the future.

I was born here and have no intention of ever moving away if I can help it at all. I love Hawaii. This is where my family is and it is, and always will be, my home. But if my family business fails, my family and I may not have a choice but to move away to somewhere that we can afford to survive.

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:05:58 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, and members:

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But a potentially huge source of greenhouse gas emissions festers right under our noses. Checking every gasoline powered passenger vehicle's emissions and requiring certain acceptable levels is an obvious, effective way to help meet our clean energy goal. It would target a major problem directly, provide income for the state, and require only a small effort from consumers.

Combining emissions checks with safety checks would mean most consumers would barely notice the requirement, beyond the added fee.

Emissions checks for every Hawaii vehicle is simple, convenient, and an effective way to lower our greenhouse gas production. Please pass this bill.

me ke aloha 'Ä• ina,

Nanea Lo

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:23:37 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:51:40 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phaethon Keeney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time,

Phaethon Keeney

Honoka'a Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:10:52 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelsey Nichols	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:16:53 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joe hipolito	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:52:16 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. States such as Washington had it for 38 years and have just gotten rid of it. Why would we want to take a step back when the way forward is to not have it?

thank you.

LATE

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:00:02 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:09:14 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jean Simon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:16:00 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Luis Cambri Guillermo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe smog inspection is need on the island of Oahu. Will there be an extra cost to the inspection? How will the equipment to perform smog be funded? At the cost of tax payers?

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:00:45 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emmanuel-Mark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:10:30 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leonard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is no reason to have an emissions testing done here on the island. This is just another way to make things difficult for the public. How are we to try to have an emissions testing done on the island when there is an active volcano giving off vog/smoke/pollution. This makes no sense at all. I oppose. Thanks.

LATE

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:24:18 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lowell Blaylock Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As someone who has lived in states that do and don't have emissions testing I believe it works be a waste of time for Hawai'i to adopt testing and be a Financial burden to citizens of an already struggling economy to have to pay for emissions testing each year.

California has the strictest emissions laws in the country and it's not helping. They continue to have some of the worst air quality due to geography, dense population, and manufacturing. From North Ogden to springville Utah they also have some of the worst air quality despite vehicle emissions. This is due to geography (the cities are basically in a bowl surrounded by mountains with little wind) and manufacturing not because it vehicles. Allot of places that require emissions testing have done away with a yearly requirement and go with every other year with no affect on air quality.

Hawai'i has no air quality problems and by adopting this testing you're just burdening your citizens. As I ride my motorcycle around on a daily basis I see vehicles with safety inspections and registrations that have been expired for years because they can't afford to fix the vehicle to pass safety then pay for registration so they get behind and it gets to a point where they can't afford the back tax on the registration so they just give up.

I smell weed from other cars more often than I smell a vehicle that has a mechanical problem affecting emissions. There are so many other problems facing your citizens that adding this burden to them is going to break them. Focus on proper funding to finish the rail, focus on proper funding to correctly fix potholes, focus on funding to repair road tantalus. Doing something that actually removes burden from your citizens and not add to their stress.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:24:42 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A. Mikioi Edwards	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:50:20 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

LATE

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:53:36 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Henson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill and its implementation

Sincerely

Justin Henson

LATE

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:20:10 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a long-time automotive hobbier, I am opposed to this bill. This can only make the already onerous and expensive vehicle safety inspections more costly and time consuming. It will also invite more predatory practices by unscrupulous inspection stations on vehicle owners. We are already paying more and more yearly on our vehicle registrations, don't make us pay more for inspections too.

LATE

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:31:13 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aaron Samante	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Aaron Samante and I oppose SB3165. Registering and obtaining a safety inspection is already tedious as is, and having to obtain an additional emmissions inspection is going to make it that much more of a burden. I actually think, that by imposing emmissions testing the state would actually not benefit in a financial standpoint. A lot of vehicles would simply not meet standards, and a lot of owners would be at a stand still in registration because of imposed emissions inspection. Also the equipment that shall be used is not cheap. It would make it a burden on the people of Hawaii, so have to take time out of their busy work schedule to go and get their vehicle tested. Also, a lot of older vehicles don't have the proper equipment to keep up with the standards the newer vehicles adhere to. Once again, I am opposing SB3165.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:17:13 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
earl devera	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi my name is Earl, I'm sending this testimony to reject the smog certification. As a car enthusiast, I love to modify my vehicle. Making my vehicle handle and perform better than factory. I do this because I'm the middle class and can't afford a high power car like a Chevy corvette, Acura nsx, dodge hellcat or Nissan skyline witch in factory form, come with 300-600hp!!! I have a 1995 Nissan 240sx and try within my budget to modify my car. And one of the modifications I have is exhaust. I know with limitation the smog will not pass the emissions test. This exhaust was done years ago and spent a good chunk of change I saved. I'd hate to go backwards and remove and replace and waste that hard earned money. If cost of living wasn't so bad, I'd be able to afford the car I want with out need of modification. But for now this is what I have to satisfy my love for cars. And I'm happy with what I have and hope stricter laws will not let me loose my passion. A lot of locals love their cars. To have free will to modify them "with in limits" would brighten up the car community and love for the sport. All my cars I'm able to pay my yearly registration and follow safety check inspections and pass with my recon permit.

I have more I wanna say but I can't think of right now. If you have and questions for me, I'm more than willing to respond. Thank you for taking this time to read my testimony.

LATE

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:08:17 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Agno	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:23:09 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Vallespin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe the emissions testing will not change anything for the vehicles in Hawaii. It is imperative for the bill not to be approved since Hawaii does have one of the cleanest air in the US in history. Coming from Washington state, recently got rid of smog/emissions check since it is not necessary due to clean air there as well. The emissions check is not necessary in this time of matter.

LATE

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:52:23 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello,

I am against the implementation of SMOG checks. This is another undue burden on an already over-taxed populace who are already spending hundreds of dollars in registration fees, safety checks, and recon throughout the year.

Has any thought been given to the effects such a bill like this would place on our community? Please give our community a break.

Do not support the passage of SB3165.

Mahalo,

Michael Kitchens

LATE

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 1:37:51 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John McCarley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:54:04 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Audrey Enseki-Tom	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I believe this bill is important to improving our environment.

LATE

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:35:04 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joe ballahz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:58:32 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kalei	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We shouldn't need to have a emissions test because a most people's vehicles that they own are old and won't be able to pass the tests. There are ways to fix it however, many are already living paycheck to paycheck just trying to survive and can't put money into their vehicles without making sacrifices. If people can't pass the emissions tests, how will they be able to get to work? Sure there's the bus, but the busses can only hold so much people. You guys want to create an emissions test so that the state would have another source of money. However, there are other ways of getting that money. For example, adding \$20 to the safety inspection to cars or \$20 to the registration of modified vehicles. This way the state would still have money coming in and it wouldn't be wasting everyone's time. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:45:23 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

A smog test requirement is just another cash grab. With the clean air act the hawaiian islands are already in the higher percentile of clean air. A smog test requirement will just cost vehicle owners and users more money. Vehicle registration is already at its highest its been in decades, and its only rising, if thats not enough taxation on the public what is? More requirments just make the islands government look week, unsustainable for the people, all but corprate cash grabs to fullfill an unwanted rail system.

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:46:29 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Koohan Paik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:27:54 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradd Haitsuka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppsed to this bill.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:40:22 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

LATE

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

Comments:

I do not support bill SB 3165. Study's have found that emissions testing doesn't make the air any cleaner. And with many newer cars and electric cars on the road emissions aren't a very big problem. In Hawaii we have some of the cleanest air around and we don't have emissions testing. So insisting a bill that requires emissions testing is pointless. Emissions testing is a waste of time and money.

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:34:34 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Aaberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye and Members,

Please pass SB 3125.

Emissions checks for every Hawaii vehicle is simple, convenient, and an effective way to lower our greenhouse gas production. Please pass this bill. Combining emissions checks with safety checks would mean most consumers would barely notice the requirement, beyond the added fee.

Mahalo for your thoughtful consideration to lower greenhouse emissions and make Hawai'i a leader in this endeavor.

Lynn Aaberg

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:49:23 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chad	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Emissions testing will cost the state even more money to set up and it'll cost us tax payers more out of pocket money every year. We don't have a smog problem in Hawaii to begin with, and the vehicles are becoming cleaner and cleaner every year. Please don't waste our money and time on something so silly.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:59:08 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brenden Hang-Arcio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I own a few vehicles that are over 15 years old. Getting them to pass an emissions inspection test will be expensive to the point that I wouldn't be able to afford the repairs. And as living in Honolulu is already very expensive, myself and members of the community would more than likely not be able to afford these repairs that would allow our vehicles to pass the emissions testing.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:03:28 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Greg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

From: WHOPEJR@hawaii.rr.com
To: [TRSTestimony](#)
Subject: SB3165
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:02:42 AM



Hello, I oppose SB3165
Thank you, William W Hope Jr.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:18:28 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ChristopherMcCullough	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:21:45 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Fujita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We do not need more restrictions/taxes put upon us. This idea will lead down the same road as the now removed reconstruction permit.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:27:42 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:30:38 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raphael Castillo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Passing this bill only ensures revenue that is needed To cover the cost of projects and the rail. It does not ensure clean air and I would rather have recon back because this inspection actually ensures the safety of the vehicle. A good example of smog having little to no effect is the state of California. They have strict emission enforcement and smog. But they have one of the worst air quality in the United States.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:59:29 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Meredith Buck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill and believe emissions checks will help our State lead the way to climate resilience.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:19:33 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noel Morin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, and members:

I strongly support SB 3165.

Emission testing will enable Hawaii to ensure that the majority of vehicles are not contributing unnecessarily to air pollution and carbon emissions. It will ensure that faulty vehicles are repaired and encourage residents to shift to cleaner vehicles.

Hawaii has the opportunity to lead in climate and environmental action. It has the obligation to ensure that future generations will have a thriving and livable environment. Actions like this and those suggested by the bills related to the electrification of transportation, the decarbonization of our grid, and the enablement of energy independence are important to advance.

I've lived in the California Bay Area and have seen their emissions testing in action. Their program has not just help to keep the air cleaner, it's effected a culture shift and individual mindfulness of the environment.

Incorporating emissions checks with the annual safety check will allow for this to be hassle-free. The added cost will be a slight burden but will allow all gas vehicle owners to contribute to a cleaner environment for all.

Please pass this bill.

Thanks,

Noel Morin

SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:22:50 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Geyer	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Thank you for supporting this bill that helps ensure that the air we all breathe gets cleaner and healthier.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:28:03 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
WILLIAM WINCHESTER	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because there is no need to emissions law for Hawaii and this will cause more abandoned vehicles.

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:22:51 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John B	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

If SB3165 is based on reducing auto emissions, does your staff have conclusive evidence that SB3165 will reduce the emissions on Oahu? If there is not enough hard evidence to uphold SB3165 but will instead be forced upon vehicle owners on Oahu, I cannot support SB3165 and conclude that SB3165 is inconclusive and based on theories not related to emissions on Oahu. This group of vehicles from post 1975 being subjected to emissions testing will not significantly change the emissions percentage on Oahu. Please post the results of your testing to the public media! Once a resident in Washington DC and if this bill was too pass, I would suggest omitting all vehicles 20yrs and older and not specifically targeting 1975. What is the basis for using the year 1975? There is no hard evidence that 1975 was a tuning point for increased Automotive Emissions and Global Warming. However, 1975 was when regulations were instilled on large corporations and factories in the United States. Oahu will not benefit from any auto emissions regulations. There are more emissions produced from Fireworks on New Years eve!

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:24:42 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Kalani Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, Alan Lee, oppose the measure to Smog/Emission check vehicle as an Amendment to SB213.

I've been a car enthusiast for the past 35 yrs.

This check will accomplish nothing as the air quality on the Islands will provide false readings as to the accuracy of this test/check. Sulfur in the air will deem this invalid as numbers will reflect higher than normal amount of "unburnt gases" in the vehicles exhaust system, of which is the main factor of an emission check.

Another point not recognized if passed, is who will be responsible/required to perform these checks? Will the Safety Check station take on that task? It will cost each station over a \$100k to purchase this test equipment. This Emission test was researched once before in the late 90's and due to the cost at THAT time, it failed to pass. Only a handful of stations could at the time afford those test instruments, much less how many stations will be able to afford them now? And if passed, will the cost of such inspection be regulated by Law or freedom of these Stations to charge accordingly?

So, in opposition to SB3165, I feel that this inspection will unnecessarily Tax vehicles, motorist and force a burden on the residents of Oahu, all this because SB213 wanted to simply repeal the inspection of a Reconstructed vehicle, which in itself did not necessarily support the operation of a safe vehicle on the unsafe roads of Oahu.

Thanks for your time,

Alan K. Lee

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:25:45 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Hall Morin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Implementing this bill will allow for further awareness for the effects of fossil fuels on climate change. I believe more residents will move towards cleaner energy as a result.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:31:33 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeremy Duarte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Jeremy Duarte and I oppose this Bill to have vehicles tested for emissions.

Where is this bill coming from? Does Hawaii have a air pollution issue? Does Hawaii feel the need to create another process that will cost the state money with no benefit, such like the Reconstruction permit process?

This bill will only cost tax payers more money with no benefit to the economy, the environment, or our infrastructure. This will only waste more capitol and gain nothing from it.

The amount of money it would take to implement such testing state wide as well as the cost of testing equipment, facilities, staff, and training would only create more debt for the state.

Without any benefit to any of the items listed above, it makes no sense to use our money to create more debt.

I have researched the data for air pollution in the State of Hawaii, Oahu in general. Our Air Quality has been nothing but stellar throughout the years. Just today's report shows the air quality across the entire island as "good" according the state run website map - <https://air.doh.hawaii.gov/home/map>

With this data as well as the data from car manufactures that are creating even cleaner and more fuel efficient cars, where is the benefit of having the state test for emissions?

We should be concentrating more on how to repair our roads and relieve congestion, not how can we create more debt and cost taxpayers and drivers even more money to get from point A to B. Emissions testing will not do this.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope we can make the right choice on this one.

Jeremy Duarte

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:37:59 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Josh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 2:20:09 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 2:16:47 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lexi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 2:06:44 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:48:45 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is not the mainland where emissions are a big issue for vehicles meeting the emissions law requirements. Hawaii does not nor will it ever need to meet vehicle emissions law so why introduce something that is not an issue. The mainland does not have the presence of Hawaii tradewinds that will carry these emissions away from the islands.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:53:31 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lance Taniguchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a tax-paying resident and citizen of Hawaii, I am highly opposed to this Bill as this would bring a burden on the small private businesses that already run the safety check program. Should there be a smog check program to hawaii's transportation, it would be a cost burden to businesses and even if the government provided the equipment i refuse to utilize my tax dollars for a program that hasn't had the proper metrics or research to have this bill passed. This bill would undermine and defraud the use of taxpayer money. The amount of vehicles to be inspected per year will place an even bigger burden for the small businesses and shops running the inspections because it takes away from their man hours and productivity for their regular business and compensations. Whoever proposed this bill should reconsider the burdens they're proposing onto the citizens of Hawaii and get off their ivory tower mindset. With the uprisal of more EV and light emission vehicles being brough and purchased in Hawaii, there is literally no point in this bill even coming to pass, it undermines the efforts and green initiatives that car buyers and citizens have taken upon themselves.

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 3:02:06 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicholas Reffitt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The proccess for getting safety, and registration is already a lengthy proccess. We do not need to add more time out of work, also risking not passing in our only vehichle to get to work.

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 1:12:49 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tsz Yin Lau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I urge your against this bill. Emission test have proven nothing to help reduce emission and beside it will add to the burden of hawaii's already struggling citizen.

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:47:42 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kory oakland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Sb3165 should not pass. Hawaii citizens are already being taken to the cleaners with all the taxes and fees of owning a car. Why would you try to put another fee on drivers? Democrats are losing my support very quickly lately with their being out of touch from the average Hawaii family. What will this bill catch? We already do Safety Check inspections and inoperable smog equipment already installed by the vehicle manufacturer will trigger a code which won't allow it to pass Safety so why would we need a redundant system at the cost of the taxpayers besides just a way to create positions for friends. We need to slim down government not keep fattening it up.

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:15:58 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ken kobayashi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB3165.

I beleive it will put extra strain on the people of Hawaii. We dont need more hoops to jump through, or more un-needed services to pay for. For a state that does not produce alot of harmful gases into the atmospere, requiring a smog check would be a huge waste of time and money. Electric Zero Emmisions cars are getting more and more popular as the years go by. Don't start SMOG testing only for it to be a useless money eater down the road.

Mahalo

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 3:27:17 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angelo-Glenn Aloang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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SB-3165

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:55:57 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aaron Rideout	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against the having annual smog checks. This issue raises a lot of serious logistical issues. Is extremely impractical given our current situation. What is the reason for this bill? If the State is looking for more income, there are easier ways to do this.

Who will be in charge? Safety Check stations? Motor Vehicle Control is understaffed and will not be able to handle

National average cost of emissions testing \$15-\$25 What percentage is going to the state?

Cost of testing equipment - \$6000-\$10,000. Will this included a dyno? Cost of equipment would be a burden and would take years to recoup cost.

Shop rates

Small shop \$70-90 dealerships \$80-125

smog test 20-30min

Will the cost of the inspection be a burden to the inspection stations?