
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO EXPEDITE THE ISSUANCE OF GOLD STAR
AFFIXED DRIVER'S LICENSES TO THOSE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NON-
EXPIRED HAWAII-ISSUED DRIVER'S LICENSES.

1 WHEREAS, the REAL ID Act, which is administered under the
2 federal Department of Homeland Security, established minimum
3 security standards for state-issued licenses and identification
4 cards and prohibits federal agencies from accepting for official
5 purposes driver's licenses and identification cards from states
6 not meeting the Act's minimum standards; and

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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii has been a REAL ID compliant state for over
9 five years; therefore, residents with valid, non-expired
10 driver's licenses have already been required to provide each
11 county's motor vehicle and licensing department the required
12 documents to satisfy the residency and identity standards under
13 the REAL ID Act; and

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15 WHEREAS, in 2018, the counties began issuing Real ID
16 compliant licenses and identification cards bearing a star in a
17 gold circle, which indicates full compliance with the new
18 Department of Homeland Security standards; and

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20 WHEREAS, by October 1, 2020, the Department of Homeland
21 Security will require every person traveling domestically on a
22 commercial airline flight to present a REAL ID compliant
23 credential or another acceptable form of identification; and

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25 WHEREAS, residents of Hawaii often travel interisland for
26 work, family, medical appointments, school, and various
27 activities; and

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29 WHEREAS, a driver's license is the most common form of
30 identification used by Hawaii residents for interisland travel
31 on commercial aircraft which makes a gold star identification
32 document a necessity; and



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1 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has made it easy
 2 for residents to obtain a gold star driver's license by applying
 3 online; however, other counties require residents to reapply in
 4 person and produce the same documents already required to obtain
 5 a driver's license to obtain a gold star driver's license; and
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7 WHEREAS, the October 1, 2020, deadline is fast approaching
 8 and a lack of an expedited means of acquiring the gold star
 9 driver's license could result in significantly longer lines at
 10 state airports and the need for additional personnel, which
 11 could result in significant added cost for the Department of
 12 Transportation; and
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14 WHEREAS, implementing methods to expedite the issuance of
 15 gold star licenses and identification, such as enabling
 16 residents in each county to apply for gold star driver's
 17 licenses online may help reduce the potential for unnecessary
 18 long lines at state airports and added personnel costs to the
 19 Department of Transportation; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 22 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 23 2020, that the counties are urged to expedite the issuance of
 24 gold star affixed driver's licenses to those residents who have
 25 non-expired Hawaii-issued driver's licenses; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 28 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
 29 Honolulu, Mayor of the county of Hawaii, Mayor of the county of
 30 Maui, and Mayor of the county of Kauai.
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