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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1718 RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS

Chairperson Aquino and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1718. This measure exempts commercial measuring devices utilized in taxicabs from the requirement that the HDOA Measurement Standards Branch inspect and test all measurement standards and measuring devices. The Department offers comments and concerns regarding this bill.

It appears that the intent of this measure is to deregulate the taxi industry from the requirement for testing measuring devices. While the Department is not aware of any significant public dissatisfaction with or distrust of the practices of the local taxi industry at this time, we are concerned that consumer confidence in the accuracy of fares charged by taxis may be impacted by eliminating the requirement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

