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S.B. 1430
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes S.B.1430** which repeals motor vehicle safety inspections requirements for certain motor vehicles.

Our Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection data for the number of vehicles that failed show that even newer vehicles, 2 years old, had a failure rate averaging 15 percent (see table below for additional years). This demonstrates the need to have safety checks annually, to identify and correct broken equipment (headlights, taillights, tires) that may contribute to a preventable motor vehicle crash. Additionally, stalled vehicles often cause delays for roadway users. Every minute that a lane remains blocked during peak travel time results in 4 minutes of delay, during and even well after the lane is cleared.

Test Year	Model Year	Vehicle Age	Total Tests	Total Failed	Fail Percentage
2023	2021	2	4,315	681	15.78
2023	2020	3	7,722	986	12.77
2023	2019	4	6,435	1,092	16.97
2022	2020	2	70,867	9,896	13.96
2022	2019	3	85,682	13,191	15.4
2022	2018	4	74,865	12,352	16.5
2021	2019	2	85,546	13,689	16
2021	2018	3	80,102	15,941	19.9
2021	2017	4	75,719	13,961	18.44
2020	2018	2	71,657	10,272	14.33
2020	2017	3	72,365	11,459	15.84
2020	2016	4	72,687	10,277	14.14
2019	2017	2	88,497	13,881	15.69
2019	2016	3	88,121	15,636	17.74
2019	2015	4	76,234	11,983	15.72

Additionally, the Federal Code of Regulations (§396.17 – Periodic Inspection) requires annual safety checks for commercial motor vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 8:12:08 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad Barcelona	Testifying for Leeward Automotive Repair	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Chad Barcelona, I am a State Saftey Check Inspector at Leeward Automotive Repair here on Oahu. I am for Saftey Checks. As a inspector and a mechanic the vehicles I see that come thru trying to pass a vehicle inspection sometimes is very dangerous. Some cars come in with bald tires ready to blow up, ball joints that are one bump away from falling apart, control arms rusted and ready to snap... If these vehicles did not get inspected regularly the saftey of the public and your family and mines are in serious danger. The public wants to get rid of Safety check because its \$25?!? Skip a plate lunch and have our families safe. One tire blows out because you wanted to save \$25 and hits your family and you get injured or worse because of \$25? Think about it. Saftey inspections is in place to prevent this types of accidents and to keep people SAFE!!!!

Chad Barcelona



February 2, 2023

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON SB 1430 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES**

Aloha Chair Lee and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 350 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association has concerns with this bill.

Our primary concern is older vehicles that are 10,000 lbs. GVWR and under should be inspected. We do not know where that age threshold should be, but perhaps the inspection stations could weigh in on that.

Certainly a vehicle which "is in such unsafe condition as to constitute a menace to the public or is not equipped as required and cannot reasonably be restored to a safe condition as required in this part," should be inspected. However that could not be enforced if there is a blanket exemption for the lighter vehicles.

Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 1:04:00 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JB Entertainment Corporation	Testifying for JB Entertainment Corporation	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We strongly support SB1430! Repeal motor vehicles safety inspection!

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 1:18:34 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LIBRADO COBIAN	Testifying for Oahu Motorsports Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill to eliminate Safety Checks on the basis of SOCIAL EQUITY :) isn't that the new reason for everything now a days ??? . I propose though a temporary repeal and have DOT submit a report if this has increased accidents and then determine if it should be repealed indefinitely . But registration should require electronic proof of insurance. Li Cobian Oahu Motorsports Association

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Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Spencer Barros	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Why did Oklahoma and many other states stop vehicle safety inspections? Officer Keating said the inspections are no longer needed because of safety features on today's vehicles. The bill's author, Sen. Glenn Coffee, R-Oklahoma City, said the state will save \$12 million by getting rid of the law. "I'm very happy that we've been able to repeal this outdated requirement."

Why did Florida stop vehicle safety inspections? Florida hasn't had emissions tests or state inspections since 1981 when Governor Bob Graham did away with them, citing high costs of tests and long wait times.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 11:24:35 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Medeiros	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am in favor of doing away with yearly safety checks. as a auto enthusiasts I see no benefit in having this program. For one thing its time consuming and the cost is getting out of hand, there is no proof that the program works. The senerio is you drive up to a safety station hand the guy your registration, and insurance card, he records the mileage and makes you run the lights the horn and wipers. What I see here is this is away for the counties and the state to get insurance information to see if we have a current policy in force. This can done at the DMV level. So again Abolish safety checks for automobiles in Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 9:03:33 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nason mata	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Do not agree with this safety check rule in are state and community

SB-1430

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:20:23 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gaius	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Safely inspections should be removed due to the nature of it not coinciding with the safety of the roads themselves, drivers and pedestrians

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 8:04:07 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As a Hawaii resident all my life safety checks have always been a yearly headache.. I drive a safe normal car as a daily commuter. And even if I were to have an expired safety check my car would still be up to par because, why else.. I need it to commute to work etc. But let me ask this question....

Are the roads safe for me and my vehicle? there are so many reckless drivers with road rage, driving with no license, insurance, on there phones, driving under the influence etc. does that have anything to do with having a SAFETY CHECK?... These are the more concerning issues other than driving around with a sticker that shows my car is safe for the year.

Heres my other question...What happens when my blinker dies out right after safety inspection? Either you'll not drive untill you fix it or you'll drive around for that one year with no blinker. During that one year of driving with no blinker as a cops job I feel they should pull people over for "not" using their blinker, having a tail light broken, headlight broken or a car that looks unsafe to be driven. Cops see whats being driven on the roads everyday. These safety inspectors only see vehicles once a year; if these vehicles even come in to be inspected.

In conclusion, you'll probably never get rid of safety inspections because it makes this state feel some sort of "safety" while driving on these unsafe roads that in the end leave people stranded regardless of having a safe car because they hit pot holes that pop there tires or that horrible "speed bump" in the town bound lanes right before King st. cut off.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 6:27:36 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kamakani de dely	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill SB1430 to get rid of safety checks.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 6:41:15 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Tumpap	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to submit testimony in support of SB1430 to repeal the safety check requirement for certain vehicles. Its is a cost and requirement that the people of Hawaii endure, however there is no evidence that safety checks (for passenger vehicles as described in this bill) increase the safety of a vehicle on the road. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 7:50:20 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Russell Pascua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe we should not have safety checks. With the cost of living so expensive and the time needed to get an inspection it's such a hassle! We should be repairing our roads which are much more dangerous and causes our cars to be unsafe

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 8:19:16 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Baligad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill sb1430 and think we should get rid of safety inspection. Things could break, parts could fail, and lights could burn out as soon as leaving the safety inspection station. It really makes no sense and has no safety factor.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 8:21:36 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Val Valdez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please get rid of safety inspections

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 8:32:49 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
skylar akina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support eliminating safety check!

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 8:21:36 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lahela Spencer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill.

Mahalo,

Lahela Spencer

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 8:45:11 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Shimada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believed the safety checks do nothing for Hawaii citizens especially seeing how we have the worst roads in the United States. My wheels get dented alignment gets off all because our infrastructure is terrible. We should get rid of all safety checks.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 8:45:14 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Fong Jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill and hope that it moves forward. This is another burden on Hawaii residents to pay and take time to get the nonsense "safety checks". By eliminating this it would free up residents time and more importantly money to help with an already skyrocketing cost of living here.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 8:47:26 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Juliet kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

no more safety checks! Lots of states due without!

SB-1430

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 8:54:50 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

When I got my first car I went to the most convenient safety check but I was swindled into purchasing more than necessary. I went to a Goodyear who told me they had to replace a bulb which would cost me over \$100. Not knowing any better I paid. I went there again when my next safety check was due and coincidentally I had the same exact issue- again. Fool me once shame on you. Fool me twice, I'm finding another mechanic after losing hundreds of dollars. Safety checks do not offer any measurable protection, but they do put money in the pockets of those who will take advantage.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:03:16 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blanche Yarnell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii individuals should have the freedom to do with their car as they please. We pay a fortune in taxes and car registration that it should cover the expenses of road improvements.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:06:21 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ikaika won	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Bill. Safety Checks are a waste of time and money

SB-1430

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:15:31 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erin pereira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vehicle safety checks ultimately do not add significant value at keeping unsafe vehicles off the roads and create unnecessary burden on residents who are already over regulated, financially strained, and time limited. The safety checks add one more layer of unnecessary complications of being a resident of hawaii without providing any benefits to residents. The system is complex and time consuming unless you are fortunate enough to have a brand new car which many of us here simply cannot afford. Having a system of registration that requires you to make an appointment. pay money to have a safety check, then fail that safety check for registration, to make an appointment and drive to the registration office, to then make an appointment and drive back to the Safety station is absurd, redundant, and a drain our citizens personal time and resources. In addition, those who choose to invest money in their personal property by modification are then forced to adhere arbitrary safety standards that often result in damage to the vehicles .I.e drilling for mudflaps and fender flares. Let us maintain our cars as we see fit. In general most folks feel like safety checks are yet another money grab by the state that makes living in Hawaii expensive and frustrating. Having a broken taillight should be handled when seen in a traffic situation by police. There is no reason I should have to prove my tail light worked for one arbitrary point in time throughout the year and make it cost money and be unduly complicated . Let's get real and focus on other issues in transportation such as the state of the roads and our high number of pedestrian fatalities

SB-1430

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:16:32 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ambrose Chee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill of taken away safety check. Its a waste a money and time consuming. Other states don't have safety check why should we!

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:27:18 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Courtney McCormick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Consider raising the registration for rental vehicles, a price likely to get passed along to tourists. Safety inspections are additional money grabs from citizens, as evidenced by the number of incidents on <https://www11.honolulu.gov/hpdtraffic/>.

I don't necessarily agree with making the military paying full price for registration to off-set the lack of safety inspection revenue, but maybe a reduced amount like the National Guard. Or, pull from the bottomless pit that is the rail funding. In fact, get rid of the safety inspections and waive all registration fees until the rail is up and running. At least then tax dollars are actually going towards transportation costs.

Mahalo!

SB-1430

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:31:14 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zachary Hansen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No more safety checks please

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:37:35 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1430 for the repeal of vehicle safety inspections. It adds a useless hoop to jump through every year. Waste of money and time for the vehicle owners and inspectors. It is just a mechanism to allow law enforcement to initiate a traffic stop and this a money grab for the State.

Vehicles have to pass vehicle inspections annually, to drive on uninspected and sometimes dangerous roads.

Please request traffic incident data from HPD, I suspect most incidents have "valid" vehicle safety inspections.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:39:18 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Olivia Filoteo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We pay for safety checks when our roads aren't even maintained. You have all these potholes, you have closed off roads which says road work only to see the pretty flashing lights creating traffic but no worker in sight. Where is the money even applied? The roads aren't even safe for our cars

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:54:21 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronsen ader	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Get rid of the safety check.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:59:01 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Travis Y	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As a resident in the state with the highest cost of living in the US, I would like to support SB 1430 repealing annual safety inspections for certain vehicles. Car owners in the state of Hawaii need to pay not only one of the highest costs of gas in the nation, but also vehicle registration fees, maintenance costs such as oil changes, car insurance, & that's all before having to deal with rush hour traffic congestion & road repairs. It's time to give local people a break. Only 14 states out of 50, require annual safety checks. It's time to join states like California & Washington that don't require annual safety checks.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Travis Y

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 10:09:41 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gloria A	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

For the State we live in they should at least help the local people that lives here. We are not out of the woods with this pandemic and the state wants us to pay for vehicle registration and safety and on top of that have insurance when it is due also having other bills that needs to be paid too, with the growing prices for everything here on the island has been expensive. It's difficult that to survive we either need to be owners of a company, or have a top of a line job, or have 2/3 jobs to live here on the island. I do want to see if we can come up with better solutions instead of getting a ticket, you are just having us be in more debt then it should already be. With everything that's been happening I don't want to be another family that needs to move off island due to financial difficulties. Please help the people of Hawaii get back to where we were before the pandemic.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 10:22:09 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
arielle	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please consider bringing this forward for a hearing. Thank you.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 10:36:13 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aliyah Akina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support eliminating safety inspection in Hawaii.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 10:58:37 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Mitchell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a lifelong resident of Enchanted Lake in Kailua and I live in Senator Chris Lee's district and I am in strong support of this bill. The vehicle inspection process is cumbersome and something that I dread each year as almost all of the inspection stations are by appointment only and there are so few places available now in Kailua and if I'm lucky enough to find a location with an available appointment, I am often forced to leave my vehicle until they will call back and inevitably tell me that something is wrong with my car and they need to repair it before my car can pass inspection. It's always something!!! It's become such a scam and it is so unnecessary and such a pain in the okole! I am asking the Senate Democrats to please get on board and pass this bill. Mahalo!

SB-1430

Submitted on: 1/31/2023 11:59:26 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cherish Kam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On the topic of Safety Checks.... I'd like to voice my concern to STOP the safety check Programs in Hawaii. We are already the most expensive State to survive in and a Safety check yearly clearly doesn't do anything to protect our roads, pedestrians or other drivers.

There are so many people who still get issued illegal safety check stickers, passing with a sticker because of a "friend" they know in the system. Our own state workers I see driving illegal vehicles and tags but they don't pay the penalty the way us regular civilians do.

In the mainland we only did Smog checks which provide so much more protection to our environment than tint, windshield wipers, taillights, and horns.

I truly believe a smog check would benefit Hawaii and protect our State more efficiently. We would be able to control More Pollution and air quality in the air.

It's funny that Hawaii requires safety checks ranging from \$25-45 per vehicle but yet our roads are unsafe, our street lights are flickering, traffic is at it's all time worst year after year and not one accident was caused due to a "failed safety"

Please help and continue to push to Ban the Safety checks. The State has so much bigger things to issue citations for instead of Safety checks. Let's focus on bigger things!

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 12:10:05 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keke Manera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou

Pleased move SB1430 forward. We desperately need a break from paying for safety checks. Other states have done this and they are doing fine. What we really need to do is concentrate on getting our roads fixed and maintained properly and I don't see why that's not a priority ESPECIALLY when we're subjected to paying such a high vehicle registration. Please do away with safety inspections. Please get our roads up to par. Mahalo

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 12:59:41 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TERI SAVAIINAEA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of SB 1430

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 12:59:46 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. Safety checks are not only antiquated but useless as well.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 1:19:10 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cody Tsukamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill SB1430 to remove car registration fees.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 3:04:04 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chevelle Lopes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. Safety checks don't even insure vehicles are safe and is just stealing money from locals. Safety checks are unnecessary. Stop the corruption.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 5:04:03 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvonne Medeiros	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the bill to do away with safety checks on vehicles. Owners should be caring for their own vehicles and maintaining it as such.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 6:14:13 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
seth tuzon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in favor of SB1430.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 6:51:18 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David E Shormann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

35 of 50 states do not require a safety inspection. Please make Hawaii the 36th! Hawaii prides itself on being environmentally friendly, but think about how much energy is wasted driving to and from the inspection station. It's even worse if your inspection expires, because then you have to (1) drive to get inspected and you get a piece of paper that says VOID on it, (2) drive to a city hall and pay registration because they won't let you do it online if your safety is expired, then (3) drive back to the inspection station to get the inspection sticker. So 3 unnecessary trips, which could easily turn into 4, 5 or more if you forget your insurance card, your driver's license, etc. This is a massive waste of residents' money, time and energy and is absolutely not environmentally friendly. Hawaii residents need a break and need it now. Thank you.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 6:57:35 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaapuni Aiwohi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In Arizona our state still had quality control of vehicles on the road. There were no junk vehicles abandoned everywhere because lack of safety checks. This bill will reduce nuisance in our everyday lives

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 7:03:07 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Briana Baker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of eliminating the requirement for vehicle safety checks.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 7:23:37 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sean Curran	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please approve this bill. It will help residents in Hawaii to stay driving on roads longer. Thank you

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 7:35:31 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rona Silva	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support bill SB1430. Mahalo.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 7:41:21 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gracie Flores	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Enforcement of vehicle safety checks in Hawai'i is unnecessary!

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 8:15:16 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lindsey Kaumeheiwa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill!! A lot of time and money is involved with getting a safety check, which I don't have as a full time employee and mother. Whenever I try to make a safety check inspection appointment, there are not enough places to make an appointment and often I have to wait 2-3 months or walk in to a place at opening and wait, to maybe be turned away. In addition, with the cost of living, being able to cut any costs (I.e annual inspection) is very helpful. We are a hard working class family and could use all the breaks we can get. Mahalo!

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 8:25:51 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Austin Ikaika	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I THINK SAFETY CHECKS ARE POINTLESS. ITS JUST ANOTHER WAY FOR THE DOT TO MAKE MONEY OFF US. REGISTRATION COSTS ARE SO HIGH THAT IT SHOULD INCLUDE EVERYTHING HAWAII DOT NEEDS TO KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE. BUT AS YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE THE WORST ROADS, WORST INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORST TRAFFIC. WE THE PEOPLE ARE SICK AND TIRED OF BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF WITH COUNTLESS FEES.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 8:25:57 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isaac	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We pay for too many things in Hawaii. There is no need for another requirement or bill to be added on in this rough financial life we call paradise.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 8:39:00 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Natasha WongYuen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,.

I am in support of this bill.

Safety checks are unnecessary, having to take a day off to sit in lines for hours also unnecessary

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 8:53:41 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Kanda-Estabilio	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 9:13:47 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keeton Krause	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As someone who has lived in Hawaii for over 6 years, and who has lived in multiple states on the mainland I have to say that the safety inspection process in the state of Hawaii is somewhat ridiculous and unnecessary.

No other state that I have lived in requires a safety inspection to be able to legally use your motor vehicle. When I shipped my car to Oahu from the mainland, the process of registering the car and getting an approved safety inspection was a complete joke and quite frankly a catch 22. I was not allowed to register the car until I had a safety inspection, and I could not pass a safety inspection until the car was registered. Ridiculous. What kind of government policy is this? It's one that is intentionally set up to cause an inconvenience to new residents.

On top of all that, the registration fees in the state of Hawaii for motor vehicles are higher than any other state I have lived in, and the safety inspection appears to me to be another nickel and dime scheme from the state of Hawaii to get another \$30 from its constituents.

Remove this unnecessary requirement for the people of Hawaii to be able to legally drive their motor vehicle on the roads which we pay for.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 9:17:01 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pono	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Safety inspection is one of the biggest scams on taxpayers. It's an extra thing to pay for, and an unnecessary consequence to pay for. Its just another way the state takes advantage of people trying to survive enough as it is here in Hawai'i. It gives officers yet one more thing to bully people for & it serves no real purpose but to allow the state to make money off of it. And the state and the people know it. Something they invented to purposely make money from by claiming it to be illegal, and people would have to pay fines for it. Safety checks isn't for safety. Its for money. Because if it was truly about safety, then when someone gets pulled over for safety, they wouldnt be driving away with a fine, it would be classified as "unsafe" therefore, undriveable-as in towed away off the road, deemed too unsafe to drive & driver needs to find ride. Thats "safety". I work construction and when something is deemed unsafe, it gets shut down, tagged out of service until fixed. Thats "SAFETY"! This whole safety check bs is a SCAM that were forced to go thru with. Safety checks need to end. It's ridiculous that I have to go get a Safety, then go register my vehicle and then come back for my sticker...because I couldn't afford to fix a cracked tail light, but in order to keep my vehicle up to date, I had to wait until I could afford to pay to fix my cracked tail light and replace a tire (which still worked and turned on, and couldnt afford a tire til payday)....thus my vehicle becoming expired registration. IF SAFETY WASNT THE ISSUE...my vehicle would've never went expired in the first place. But it costed me extra because of the extra unfortunate expenses. With our mortgage, slow work, food, other bills & children, things are overwhelming. To keep my vehicle up to date is easy. To pay for minor fixes just to pass a silly obstacle hoop such as safety just to please the state & do run arounds for it isn't easy...and then becomes costlier. It's so typical of our state to run the people into the ground. The government loves seeing the struggle effect. Hope the bill to get rid of safety gets passed! END SAFETY INSPECTIONS!

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 10:05:08 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Honey Takaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill SB 1430

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 10:56:55 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tommy Brown	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill 1430 and feel that vehicle safety checks are not necessary and studies have proven that. There is a reason that other states who had safety checks in the past have repealed the program and never went back to it. Studies have shown that the states that repealed their safety checks had no changes or reduced accidents and no changes in insurance rates etc. I have been getting required safety checks here in Hawaii from multiple safety check stations for over 35 years and not once did I feel like my vehicle was safer or definitely was not going to give any safety concerns for the next year when I left that station. Safety checks are not necessary and a waste of our time and money.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 11:14:32 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly Espania	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of bill SB1430 in eliminating motor vehicle safety inspections here in Hawaii.
Mahalo nui loa!

Kimberly Espania

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 11:35:06 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Curen Ohama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1430,

I feel safety Check does very little good over all.

if a person fails to have a proper working vehicle it should be felt with in a time of the particular failure to use them.

& they don't even check to see if the brakes work at Safety inspections...

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 8:39:00 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Natasha WongYuen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,.

I am in support of this bill.

Safety checks are unnecessary, having to take a day off to sit in lines for hours also unnecessary

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 11:55:40 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tysen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill 1430 and feel that are not really doing what they were put in place to do. There is a reason my so many US states do not hve them, and why so many states that did have them do not have them anymore. Studies have shown that safety checks do lessen accidents on the road or benefit the public in any other way. Most times when somebody that can't get a safety check because something is wrong with their car, they will often times modify the car by borrowing parts (ex. skinnier tires, or less bald tires from a friend, non foggy headlight lenses) or peel the tint off etc just to pss the safety check inspection that day and go right back to how they were the next day. Why not just let the police enforce an unsafe vehicle when they see one? because they still have to do it to all the people getting wrongfully passed safety checks that still drive on the road anyway. Its a broken system that our state spends so much money paying people to staff positions for, and yet it does nothing for us in the end. People that do not care will simply drive down the road with their unsafe car anyway. The miney spent in this area could go towards more important thingsz Hawaii needs to more often look to other states who have already went through these trials and since learned from their mistakes instead of trying to learn it on their own all over again like they usually do. I DO NOT SUPPORT SAFETY CHECKS.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 12:59:43 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Troutman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I completely support the bill. Safety checks are not needed and complete waist time and money...

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 1:20:59 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Burbage	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the SB1430! Do away with state safty inspections. Completely bogus attempt to collect more money from citezens via the state and police officers! Not needed

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 1:27:00 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caide Francis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I don't want to deal with safety checks anymore. There are too many rules that keeps changing every year. It keeps getting more and more ridiculous. Even stock vehicles are not able to pass because of new rules every year that safety check places are enforcing.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 2:24:31 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clayton Castillo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Abolishing the state inspection system will make registering vehicles easier. The system should be modified to where vehicle registration can only be renewed with an up to date vehicle insurance. This can be done by uploading our insurance info since the vehicle inspectors already take our insurance cards when we do an inspection. This will make registering vehicles much easier. Our roads are not even safe so why are we paying for vehicle inspections when Hawaii roads are not being upkept. Where is the money going?

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 2:56:28 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ciannah Silva-Labrador	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support not having safety checks

Aloha Senator Awa,

I'm not sure if this was the correct email you were referring to in you IG post, but I am just one of many in the community who believe that safety check is unnecessary. I also believe that registration is depressingly high. For example, in Oregon registration is about \$90 for 2 years for my crew cab long bed truck. You can only imagine what that is here on Oahu. We need to fight to have locals want to stay home and not move elsewhere. This is a great progressive step! Mahalo for your diligence!!

Pohai Olomua
Kuli'ou'ou Valley

Aloha my name is Bronson Ahlo and I support the repeal of the safety check program. I do not feel that the safety check does any good toward the safety of motorists in Hawaii. At any point you could have something fail on your vehicle no matter the age of it, having brand new vehicles I have had my fair share of blinkers and light go out with in the first year of ownership which would technically fail my vehicle for safety check. I have spent many years of my adult life living in the continental United States and have lived where there are no safety checks and severe weather conditions and there is no issue with peoples vehicles, they take it upon themselves to make sure they will be safe. Also the vehicle registration is outrageously expensive in Hawaii. How does a kanaka family afford a \$1,000 registration a year for a vehicle that they use to go to work and provide for their family with on top of their monthly payments. I moved my family from Hawaii 6 years ago to Utah where we currently reside, and we are looking at moving back home to Hawaii to help and be the change we want to see. Living in the continental United States has opened my eyes and mind to see what solutions there are out there and how to think outside of the box. And I would like to bring that back home when we get there.

Mahalo

Bronson Ahlo

Aloha. Thank you for working hard to help the people here in Hawaii, you give us hope. As far as safety checks, they are completely a waste of our money and time, it's essentially something we pay for that isn't helping anyone but the paper pushers. Please do away with this wasteful process. I would rather give that money towards something that matters, like our keiki's education. Thank you again, you are awesome.

Aloha, I am tired of being required to get safety checks. How can I support a stop to that?
Sent from my iPhone

I had an issue where my key broke in the ignition of my car and the pin that releases it when the car is off was broken too. I couldn't get my key out of the ignition and getting a replacement was like 600 bucks. I couldn't get a safety check and so I couldn't register my car.....I just got pulled over the other day for an expired safety and registration and I just can't catch up.

Let them know we don't want it, Brenton!

Aloha,
Shaina Ava
Kaneohe Resident
(And Jeremy Ava, your proud Kahuku Classmate)

I am emailing my support for the bill to eliminate the need for safety checks.

Many mahalos for having your finger on the pulse for issues important to the people!

Aloha,

Saw your post about introducing a bill to get rid of safety checks. I'm all for it. One could make the argument that safety checks keep unsafe cars off the road however, traffic/accidents occur at the same rate with safety checks already in place. Also the money generated from safety checks seems to be not going towards upkeep of our roads. Even the street the kapalama dmv is on, riddled with potholes (how ironic). Maybe if the government was actually using the money to upkeep roads/highways I would be willing to pay but that's not the case.

Sent from my iPhone

Aloha,

My name is Dandi Holder and I am in support for the removal of Safety Checks and the About Time Bill!

Safety Checks are irrelevant and used as a tool to continue taxing motorists.

It is definitely about time that something is done in this housing crisis to support locals. My grandfather the last 50% hawaiian in our ohana passed away while waiting for land. Our family is now disqualified to obtain Hawaiian Home Lands. My ohana of six are forced to live with other family members to make ends meet in order to live in Hawaii. Everyday the dream of owning our home slips away while I see so many foreigners purchasing homes and then renting them for astronomical prices to us locals. It's ABOUT TIME!

Thank you for your time,
Dandi Holder

Aloha Mr. Awa,

I'd like to start this letter off by thanking you for the unconditional support you give us people of Hawai'i. Truly a leader for this State!

On the topic of Safety Checks.... I'd like to voice my concern to STOP the safety check Programs in Hawaii. We are already the most expensive State to survive in and a Safety check yearly clearly doesn't do anything to protect our roads, pedestrians or other drivers.

There are so many people who still get issued illegal safety check stickers, passing with a sticker because of a "friend" they know in the system. Our own state workers I see driving illegal vehicles and tags but they don't pay the penalty the way us regular civilians do.

In the mainland we only did Smog checks which provide so much more protection to our environment than tint, windshield wipers, taillights, and horns.

I truly believe a smog check would benefit Hawaii and protect our State more efficiently. We would be able to control More Pollution and air quality in the air.

It's funny that Hawaii requires safety checks ranging from \$25-45 per vehicle but yet our roads are unsafe, our street lights are flickering, traffic is at it's all time worst year after year and not one accident was caused due to a "failed safety"

Please help and continue to push to Ban the Safety checks. That's just money for people Who don't really care about us.

Mahalo,
Cherish Kam
808-979-4318

Sent from my iPhone

Aloha,

First of all, thank you for making this PSA and opening it up to everyone to testify. For my family and I, we've gotten a number of citations just from having our vehicle parked, not being used, because of the expired tags & yet we get cited. There's a reason why those cars are parked... if we must spell it out, it's because we don't want to drive it expired. However, here we are collecting citations almost every other month and we haven't driven our car. We are struggling financially already, having these extra things to pay for is so frustrating. Especially when you're thinking you're doing the right thing yet being punished. Removing these "safety checks" would not only save us from these random checks but it would save us the cost.

Mahalo for listening,
Frustrated Francine

Aloha, Mahalo for bringing this forward to us. I do believe there is no need for us to continue to pay to have someone we do not know to tell us if our vehicle is safe for me and my family. As a Husband, Father and Grandfather, I myself make sure any vehicle my family is put in is safe. This yearly headache needs to stop. Also, no other island worries about safety check like Oahu does. Hope this helps. Mahalo for your time.

We should get rid of safety checks because it does not prove to cause any safer driving. The mainland is doing fine with out it and so can we. It's just another expense and inconvenience.

Yes, we would like to eliminate a required safety check. This I believe is unnecessary to have every year, a solution may be every 5 years. We're open to compromise.

Aloha,

Ruben and Carla Notebo

I am with you, we don't need safety checks. unnecessary and not enough stations able to do inspections.

Garry Yee
Honolulu Hawaii
5391 Kilauea Ave, Honolulu, HI 96816

Dear Senator Awa,

I support the bill to eliminate the Hawaii Safety inspection.

Hawaii is one of the few states requiring Safety Inspections. There has been no information to show that this has increased safety in Hawaii. It's another form of repeated taxation on Hawaii.

We also need to eliminate GE Tax on food and medicine.

With aloha!

Debbie Wyand.

Aloha,

I just saw your post about safety checks.

Since Covid I haven't really been able to keep up with my car. Have been over stressed with working overtime in the medical warehouse. I also had a dui back in 2020. I'm getting dinged for safety here and there when I'm not even supposed to move my car because I'm not supposed to be driving it. I still haven't solved my dui case and my car has stayed parked on the street parking in ewa beach on pahika st. They ding everyone continuously. Currently had about 4-5 tickets on it for the same reasons. Definitely not fair to people like me who aren't even supposed to be driving in the first place. Mahalo for reading 🙌

Sent from my iPhone

I support you braddah. Let's go!!

Sent from my iPhone

I support your efforts to eliminate this tax. This requirement is burdensome and excessive.
Please amend registration tax as well.

Thank you,
G. Simon

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ikaika smith I am writing this statement In support of removing the Hawaii safety check requirement. There are a few reasons why I feel this law should be removed. I do not believe there is sufficient evidence that shows this law has stoped a car accident or saved a life. We the people already pay sales tax on the vehicle, registration sometimes up to \$600 every year and has tax to maintain our roads. I do not think the state needs another funding source from its constituents. With the crime wave that is now sweeping our state I think it would be a better allocation of resources for hpd to be fighting violent crime not things like a wrong color sticker on a vehicle. It has been proven by seventeen other states in the union that getting rid of a safety check does not mean roads are less safe. The residents of Hawaii already have a high cost of living and a fine from an expired safety check adds to the stress of families. Fathers and mothers are working full time jobs and sometimes can't afford to take time off and get a safety check done. This law targets low income and hard working tax payers and it is for these reasons I would like law makers to vote in favor of removing the safety check requirement.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Ikaika smith

They need to be deleted, there are not enough stations to even inspect all the cars in Hawaii. Also to remove your paperwork being in storage at the DMV they require us to transport our cars to Kapahulu Reconstruction Station for a ridiculous VIN Inspection. Some cars need the bodies taken off to see the VIN numbers and the cost to transport our car to Kapahulu and home would cost over 500 dollars . Recon, safety inspections and vin inspections are not used in any other state in the United States, why Hawaii, only ? These three are all fraud waste and abuse, along with back taxes being paid for cars sitting on our property, they weren't driven on the road but we are charged for driving it , even though it sat in the home private property garage. Please clear our state of all these auto enthusiasts nightmares ,,,Thank you, this is my testimony and may be used to end these unfair practices...

Sent from my iPhone

Senator Awa, Thank you for all that you are doing for the people of Hawaii!

I feel the safety check is not necessary for the state of Hawaii. Cops can run all license plates to check if the vehicle is registered and insurance is up to date. The added yearly safety check is obsolete and a hassle. If the state is afraid that drivers would not pay the registration fees or have insurance make those penalties higher for drivers that drive with out current registration or insurance.

Keep up the great work!

Aloha,
Ned

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SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 3:25:52 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 3:36:18 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Brown	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii's safety checks do nothing to make vehicles safer. It's a joke. Always has been. If people have cars with blinkers or tint too dark, they will be stopped by the police and get tickets. Simple. Look back for the last 40 years and you will see these checks have done nothing to save lives. Safety check have historically just been a way for the state to get money out of people. As long as people have insurance on their vehicle that's all Hawaii needs to be concerned with.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 4:52:38 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mahana Cumiford	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I agree with safety checks being repealed and no longer necessary for the license drivers in Hawaii

LATE

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 4:43:48 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Channey stone	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Due to the high cost of living in hawaii, I am in support of the bill discontinuing safety check requirements.

LATE

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 5:06:26 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kelsey ropati	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this bill because safety checks are completely unnecessary annually. There should be a standard across the state ante do it every other year or as needed according to mileage on the cars or dependent upon car facts.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 5:11:17 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James hauge	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To begin with, i never thought safety checks made me feel any safer to on the rode. I mostly feel that every action, bad decisions, and or crash is made by the driver itself and does not fall into the equipment failing category. There's vehicles that are modified to the point where it is NOT safe to drive with a width of tire that does not stick out of the wheel well. Having a wider base helps much more with stability and over all control, sadly you can't get your safety check with a tire like that even tho it is much safer then a skinny tire. All actions are up to the driver! Crashes aren't caused just because your horn don't work

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 5:15:17 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
marino carreira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Hawaii law makers,

I am writing in support of this bill. I am completely frustrated with hawaii's safety check program. I feel it is a failed program that offers only an additional fee for us residents to pay in the already expensive state. The manner in which inspections are done vary in how they conduct the inspection. Some will push customers to purchase services or parts and threaten to fail customers if the part or service is not completed!

The department of transportation as well as other states have all concluded that safety checks do nothing in terms of preventing accidents or keeping the roads safe! Numbers of studies have been done to verify this. In fact Hawaii is the only state with this silly inspection process! The fact that a car owner can pass a safety inspection for one day out a year does not guarantee the rest of the year there are no issues or the owner will not modify anything on the vehicle after! So then what is it actually accomplishing other than an additional burden!

I feel the regulations and rules can be enforced and cited by Honolulu police without any safety check program. Actual offenses on the road will be observed and caught and owners will have to pay a fine- this to me accomplishes the goal to keep owners in check with current safety guidelines.

recon has already been repealed as it was proven this was useless! The safety check station is the same!

It is a major burden for families with multiple vehicles or trailers. It costs over \$20 per vehicle times the amount of vehicles you have each year for nothing! Not to mention the hassle it causes when you are trying to get a title or registration - you have to get a failed safety then go to DMV then go back to the safety inspection site and update everything!

We shouldn't have to pay the government to make sure your blinkers are working or your license plate is affixed correctly. It should be up to the owner to maintain the vehicle and follow laws

and if we don't then we get cited by police! Simple as that. As for making sure people have vehicle insurance- why can't satellite city hall/dmv just require current insurance card when rendering registration? We don't need a safety check to make sure we have insurance for our cars!

please repeal this silly government overreach / tax on vehicle owners. It's bad enough our vehicle registrations are ridiculous! The tax payers of Hawaii need every break we can get!

please cut us a break and get rid of safety checks for daily drivers and personal trailers!

large commercial vehicles that haul material and such are different and must abide by major safety issues due to their inherent hazards of their job which differ vastly than a mom or dad driving a sedan around town!

please pass this allow it to become law!

thank you

marino Carreira

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 7:46:26 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dane Fajardo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Asking for us to pay a safety inspection for a vehicle brand new through seven years old is pretty ridiculous.

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SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 9:47:35 PM
Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Carreiro Jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this bill as I believe vehicle safety inspection is does not provide a benefit to Hawaii drivers nor does it increase safety and it is actually causing the state to lose out on tax revenue from vehicle registration fees.

The first reason I say this, is that during the COVID-19 pandemic the State of Hawaii suspended the safety inspection requirement, however the auto repair business was deemed essential. I believe if safety inspection was necessary it should have been deemed essential. It was not deemed ESSENTIAL.

The second reason I am in support of this bill is due to the fact that of all requirements needed to legally operate a vehicle in the state of Hawaii the most severe penalty is for lack of insurance. No license, expired safety & registration are all monetary citations. No insurance can result in arrest and the monetary fine is significantly higher than the other offenses. What this tells Hawaii drivers is that above all else insurance is the most important thing you need.

My last reason is the over 5,000 citations issued to drivers. Currently a valid safety inspection is needed to update vehicle registration. Two separate transactions are needed to keep vehicles legal in this state. Without a valid safety you cannot update registration resulting in the backlog we see now. By repealing safety inspection and allowing drivers to register vehicles with valid insurance, the result would be a significantly higher amount of updated registrations which in turn equals an increase of tax revenue collected by the state. Bottom line a \$25 transaction is blocking vehicle registration fees from coming into the state.

Thank you,

Daniel Carreiro

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 10:41:47 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Triston	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The roads that we have to drive on aren't really safe to drive on so why should our cars be checked yearly to make sure they're safe to be driven.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 11:14:45 PM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Hope	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill SB1430

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Submitted on: 2/2/2023 7:00:23 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cory Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Hawaii is the only state in the US doing "safety checks". These have nothing to do with actual vehicle safety and their is no data that supports them making the roads safer. At this point these checks are just an extra tax on Hawai'i motorists.

SB-1430

Submitted on: 2/2/2023 7:08:37 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Megan Ha'amauliola Makua Aiona	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill seeks to unite the Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani with 'Imiloa Center into a single institute that will lay the early education pathway for Hawaiian medium education and on into the higher grades. Nāwahī is already the model for this pathway. This institute will also increase support for the College's laboratory school program as well as other educational and outreach support for the Hawaiian language and other Indigenous languages. It is to be accorded distinct powers to work "outside the box" normally associated with the university to benefit the needs and goals of the public. I pledge my outmost support of this bill SB1430 for it can lay a positive pathway for our Hawaiian medium education. Please support!

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Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcelle Liana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly SUPPORT SB1430

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Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha I support this bill. I believe that this is a great start to some relief. Hawaii residents have so much taxes and I really don't see it being used in our favor. This is a great start to get the ball moving in the right direction for our people. Why do we have to pay for others when we can barely afford to pay for ourselves. Many times it's food or insurance house or registration. When is it going to be enough. I know it's only a safety check that is \$20.00 but for me it's the principle. I believe this a great starting place for our legislation to start moving forward. With other ways of giving our people a break. Such as registration.

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Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan-Nicholas: Luther	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

In regard to SB1430 and the repeal of the safety checks for certain motor vehicles, I strongly support the repealing of the safety checks for public vehicles and only maintaining this procedure for commercial vehicles, due to the fact that the State of Hawaii has no weight-stations for trucks that would evaluate the safety of these heavy rig and it is important to make sure these commercial vehicles are maintained in good standards for the public safety.

Moreover, traffic and police officers have more important needs than searching out safety stickers placed on public vehicles. The State of Hawaii can implement a fix-it-ticket for any lights or functions not properly working on a public vehicle that can be administered by an officer on any public road, this would require the correction in an allotted amount of time with no charge being acquired by the public is fixed in the timeframe specified. If the fix indicated on the ticket is not completed successfully in the specified time noted, a small fee (as like a safety check) would be included on the next registration of that public vehicle.

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Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Gideon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. We need to lessen the safety regulations or expand it to modified cars being allowed to drive on the road legally.

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Testimony for TCA on 2/2/2023 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chelsea Titus	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.