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**H.B. 1578, H.D. 2, S.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Senate Committee on Judiciary

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The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** H.B. 1578, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, which permits a shipping container chassis that holds a valid out-of-state certificate of vehicle registration to obtain a certificate of safety inspection and makes an out-of-state registration for a shipping container chassis valid in the State until its expiration in the other state for one year after a safety inspection.

Shipping container chassis are a critical part in moving container cargo out of ports and to final destinations. Due to the nature of intermodal equipment, shipping container chassis are frequently moved from port to port - and state to state. Most states in the United States recognize the intermodal and interstate nature of shipping container chassis and recognizes out-of-state license plates and registrations.

This bill supports efficient cargo operations, and the efficiency may reduce the costs of transporting goods.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of Matson Navigation Company, Inc.  
Support of HB1578, HD2, SD1  
Before the Committee on Judiciary  
April 2, 2024

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. (Matson) strongly supports HB1578, HD2, SD1 which allows shipping container chassis with out-of-state certificates of vehicle registration to obtain a certificate of safety inspection and allows for the out-of-state registration to be valid in the State of Hawaii for one year after the vehicle safety inspection is completed.

As an island state, Hawaii is very dependent upon our commercial harbors to ensure the continued and unimpeded flow of cargo in and out of our State. It is estimated that over 90 percent Hawaii's imported goods pass through our commercial harbors, including consumer goods, motor vehicles, construction materials, and fuel. Given the critical role of our commercial harbors, it is imperative that the State support dependable and efficient cargo transportation and handling to service our residents and businesses.

Shipping container chassis (pictured below) are a vital part of the flow of commerce. These chassis ensure that containers and the goods inside can be delivered to our stores. Due to the nature of intermodal equipment, shipping container chassis are frequently moved from port to port. Almost every other state in the United States recognizes the intermodal, interstate nature of shipping container chassis and recognizes out-of-state license plates and registrations. Allowing out-of-state registered shipping container chassis to obtain a safety check in Hawaii will ensure the safety and roadworthiness of shipping container chassis and ensure the safe and efficient flow of commerce throughout our State while requiring the shipping container chassis to be registered in Hawaii within a reasonable time.



Thank you for considering our testimony in support.

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# HAWAII HARBORS USERS GROUP

Support of HB1578, HD2, SD1

Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary

April 2, 2024

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) is a non-profit maritime transportation industry group comprised of key commercial harbor users statewide. Members of HHUG play a vital role in our state's economic development and sustainability, as well as cargo operations and tourism. The safe and efficient operations of Hawaii harbors are critical to connecting Hawaii's most remote and isolated communities to the rest of the state and, indeed, the world.

We are writing in support of HB1578, HD2, SD1 which allows shipping container chassis with out-of-state certificates of vehicle registration to obtain a certificate of safety inspection and allows for the out-of-state registration to be valid in the State of Hawaii for one year after the vehicle safety inspection is completed.

We believe that allowing out-of-state registered shipping container chassis to obtain a safety check in Hawaii will ensure the safety and roadworthiness of shipping container chassis and ensure the safe and efficient flow of commerce throughout our State while requiring the shipping container chassis to be registered in Hawaii within a reasonable time.

Hawaii's economy, and virtually every aspect of life on our islands, is dependent upon our commercial harbors to ensure the continued and unimpeded flow of cargo. The vast majority of Hawaii's imported goods pass through our commercial harbors, including consumer goods, motor vehicles, construction materials, and fuel. Given the critical role of our commercial harbors, it is imperative that the state support dependable and efficient cargo transportation and handling to service our residents and businesses.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support of this measure.