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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

I support this bill

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February 5, 2024

The Honorable Adrian K. Tam, Chair
The Honorable Rose Martinez, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee on Culture, Arts
And International Affairs
State Capitol, Conference Room 309
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tam, Vice Chair Martinez, and Members of the Committee on Culture, Arts, and International Affairs:

SUBJECT: H.B. 1861 - Relating To Number Plates
HEARING: Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Section 6-402 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, the Department of Customer Services (CSD) administers the motor vehicle registration program for the island of O'ahu, including the issuance of license plates.

Every license plate is required by law to have the word "Hawaii" along the top center of the license plate. Unfortunately, the statute does not spell "Hawaii" with an 'okina. This bill will ensure that the word is correctly spelled "Hawai'i".

This bill will also allow the word "Hawai'i" and the phrase "Aloha State" to be in either upper or lower case to increase design options for future license plates.

Two years ago, the Legislature passed Act 170 which requires Hawaiian diacritical markings in Hawaiian names and words in official State and County letterhead. We support further expansion of the use of Hawaiian diacritical marks in other aspects of government, including our State license plates. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly M. Hashiro".

Kimberly M. Hashiro
Director