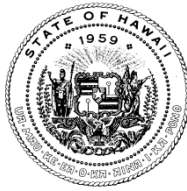


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SB2991 RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports S.B. 2991, relating to the reexamination requirements for driver's licenses revoked due to certain alcohol-related offenses.

This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 291E-45, 291E-61, and 291E-61.5 to clarify the reactivation requirements for driver's licenses and vessel operator privileges following administrative revocation or court-ordered license suspension. It mandates proof of compliance, certified statements, successful completion of examination, and fee payment before reissuing a license.

The DOT supports this legislation as it enhances public safety by ensuring that individuals who have had their licenses revoked for alcohol-related offenses are thoroughly evaluated before being allowed to operate a vehicle again. This measure aligns with our ongoing efforts to reduce impaired driving and its devastating consequences on Hawaii's roadways.

Analysis of Hawaii's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) data from 2019 to 2023 reveals a troubling trend: 21 percent of drivers involved in fatal crashes (79 out of 369) were operating without a valid license, including those with suspended or revoked privileges. Even more alarming, among drivers with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.15 or higher, that figure surges to 64 percent (32 of 50), underscoring a dangerous intersection of impairment and non-compliance. By mandating a rigorous reexamination process, this bill introduces a critical safeguard—ensuring that individuals at the highest risk demonstrate their fitness to drive before these privileges are restored.

The proposed reexamination process will help identify any ongoing issues related to alcohol use and driving and ensure that these individuals fully understand their responsibilities as licensed drivers. This approach not only serves as a deterrent but also as an opportunity for rehabilitation and education.

Furthermore, this bill strengthens the administrative processes surrounding license reactivation, which will aid in more effective enforcement and monitoring of these high-risk drivers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.



Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

Senate Committee on Transportation

**February 17, 2026 3:00PM
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference**

SB2991 Relating to Highway Safety

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee Members,

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **supports SB2991** which clarifies that persons whose driver's licenses have been revoked for certain alcohol-related offenses are required to undergo reexamination before the examiner of drivers may relicense the person.

This bill supports our goal of reducing traffic related deaths and serious injuries to zero by 2045. Traffic fatalities increased over twenty (20) percent in Hawaii, and over sixty (60) percent on Oahu, from 2024 to 2025. Nearly [a third of traffic deaths in Hawaii](#) are the result of impaired driving, where drivers have a Blood Alcohol Concentration of 0.08 or higher. This statistic puts Hawaii in the bottom quarter of all states with regard to impaired driving fatalities. Thus, reexamination puts further protocols in place to prevent potentially dangerous drivers from immediately returning to the roadways while ensuring they are aware of the rules and laws to operate a vehicle safely.

The OahuMPO is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the island of Oahu responsible for carrying out a multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a long-range (25-year horizon) metropolitan transportation plan, referred to as the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), which encourages and promotes a safe, efficient, and resilient transportation system that serves the mobility needs of all people and freight (including walkways, bicycles, and transit), fosters economic growth and development, while minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution ([23 CFR 450.300](#)).

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

SB-2991

Submitted on: 2/13/2026 10:27:37 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

2991 SB RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.

To: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation

From: Veronica Moore, Individual Citizen

Date: February 16, 2026

RE: Senate Bill 2991
Measure Title: RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.
Report Title: Motor Vehicles; Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an
Intoxicant; Driver's Licenses; Revocation; Reactivation; Reexamination

To All Concerned,

My name is Veronica Moore and I support Senate Bill 2991. Thank you for introducing this bill.

Sincerely,

Veronica M. Moore