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February 10, 2026

The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
The Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Conference Room 325
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the House Committee on
Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs:

SUBJECT: H.B. No. 1667 - Relating To Civil Identification
HEARING: Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD), provides **comments** on H.B. No. 1667, which would lower the age at which an applicant may obtain a State identification card without parental or guardian signature from eighteen to sixteen years of age.

While the bill does not change identity verification or documentation requirements, CSD notes that implementation will require updates to staff training, public information materials, application forms, and supporting technology systems to ensure consistent statewide administration. Accordingly, CSD respectfully requests **one year from the date of enactment** to fully implement the operational and system changes required by this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on H.B. No. 1667.

Sincerely,

for Kimberly M. Hashiro
Director

Opportunity for Youth Action Hawai'i

KAWAIILOA

February 10, 2026

House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing Time: 2:00 PM

Location: State Capitol Conference Room 325

Re: HB 1667, Relating to Civil Identification - **Support**

Aloha e Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe and members of the Committee:

Opportunity for Youth Action Hawai'i Hui supports HB 1667, which would lower the age at which a minor may obtain a state civil identification card without the signature of a parent or legal guardian from eighteen to sixteen years old.

Our Hui works with and advocates alongside young people across Hawai'i who face significant systemic barriers, particularly youth who are unhoused, in foster care, transitioning out of care, involved in the juvenile justice system, or otherwise without consistent parental or family support. For these young people, access to a state-issued identification card is not a convenience. It is a necessity.

Without valid identification, youth are often unable to access care, apply for jobs, open bank accounts, obtain housing, or participate fully in civic life. Requiring parental or guardian consent until age eighteen creates an insurmountable barrier for many minors who are legally and practically acting independently but lack adult support through no fault of their own.

HB 1667 acknowledges the reality that many sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds in Hawai'i are already navigating adulthood responsibilities. This bill offers a practical, compassionate solution that removes an unnecessary obstacle and empowers young people to access essential services, stabilize their lives, and work toward self-sufficiency. Importantly, this measure promotes equity. Youth from marginalized backgrounds are disproportionately affected by the current age restriction. Lowering the age requirement helps ensure that all young people, regardless of family circumstance, have a fair opportunity to meet basic identification requirements.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2026 10:59:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sonia Blackiston	Hawaii Youth Services Network	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas and Vice Chair Poepoe,

Hawaii Youth Services Network supports HB1667 which lowers the age to obtain a state civil identification card without a signature from a parent or guardian from eighteen years old to sixteen years old. Doing so can greatly benefit youth experiencing homelessness as it can help support them in getting access to various services. In the last three years, HYSN partner agencies assisted 89 youth in getting legal id. Your support of HB1667 will support young people in getting easier access to the services they need and deserve.

Sincerely,

Sonia Blackiston, Executive Director, HYSN

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February 7, 2026

To: Representative David Tarnas, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Testimony in Support of HB 1667 Relating to Civil Identification

As a community advocate who coordinated a statewide homeless youth partnership for 25 years and a person with lived experience of youth homelessness, I strongly support HB 1667.

The lack of official government identification is a major barrier for homeless youth in accessing services. Unaccompanied homeless minors do not have a parent or guardian to sign consent for them. Unsafe home situations and family abuse are the most common reason why young people run away from home.

Lowering the age in which minors can obtain a state identification card without parental signature will facilitate access to housing, education, health, and social services for homeless young people. For youth who are immigrants, COFA migrants, or persons who may be mistakenly targeted by immigration enforcement, having legal identification provides protection from detention or arrest.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH

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Submitted on: 2/8/2026 5:08:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/8/2026 6:30:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I KĀKO‘O ‘OLE this bill.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

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