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Tuesday, March 3, 2026
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SB2665,SD1
RELATING TO RENEWAL OF DRIVER'S LICENSES

Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports S.B. 2665, S.D. 1, which requires drivers renewing their licenses who have received a traffic citation or infraction within the past five years to complete an educational course including an online road safety video and written examination.

This bill addresses a critical aspect of traffic safety by targeting drivers who have demonstrated a need for additional education and awareness. By requiring those with recent citations to complete an educational course, we can help reinforce safe driving practices and potentially reduce repeat offenses.

The DOT believes that ongoing driver education is crucial for maintaining safe roadways. This bill aligns with our department's commitment to enhancing road safety through education and awareness. The proposed online road safety video and written examination provide a convenient yet effective means for drivers to refresh their knowledge of traffic laws and safe driving practices.

Implementation of this requirement could lead to several positive outcomes:

1. Increased awareness of traffic laws and safe driving practices among those who have recently violated them.
2. Potential reduction in repeat offenses as drivers become more cognizant of their responsibilities on the road.
3. Overall improvement in road safety as more drivers receive additional education.

The DOT is prepared to work closely with relevant agencies to develop and implement an educational course that addresses common traffic violations and reinforces safe driving behaviors.

We believe this bill represents a proactive approach to improving driver's behavior and road safety. It complements our existing efforts to reduce traffic incidents and create safer roadways for all users.

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

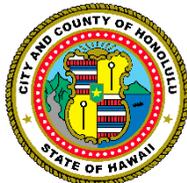
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February 27, 2026

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

SUBJECT: S.B. No. 2665, S.D. 1 - Relating To Renewal of Driver's Licenses

HEARING: Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD) offers **comments** on this bill for your committee's consideration. Pursuant to Section 6-402 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, CSD Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) administers the motor vehicle driver licensing program for the island of O'ahu. While CSD appreciates the intent of the proposed legislation, we have concerns regarding its application and its legal implications.

While CSD supports the intent of the proposed request and efforts to enhance road safety, there are anticipated operational impacts associated with instituting and administering a written road safety examination based on the state traffic laws and City and County of Honolulu traffic ordinances for your consideration:

- **Statewide Coordination of Data and Systems Integration:** Administration of an educational course that includes a road safety video and a written road safety examination will require enhanced database sharing and close coordination across all counties statewide, the State Department of Transportation, the State Judiciary, and the Honolulu Department of Information Technology to support

eligibility determinations, test tracking, and enforcement, and to ensure consistent standards, procedures, and public communications.

- **Testing Capacity:** Under current staffing and facility configurations, CSD DMV’s capacity to administer additional testing during renewals of driver’s licenses is limited. Any expansion of testing requirements would place significant strain on existing operations and would require additional funding and staffing to develop and maintain.

CSD DMV would seek to contract a third-party vendor to provide online testing services. Confirmation of successful completion of required testing would be processed by CSD DMV personnel.

To provide context for the potential number of tests that may be required, for existing driver license renewals, the following are the projected driver license renewal volumes based on expiration date:

| | City and County of Honolulu | State of Hawai‘i |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| CY2026 | 110,744 | 166,068 |
| CY2027 | 128,732 | 194,265 |
| CY2028 | 106,250 | 161,250 |

To provide context for the potential increase in the number of tests that may be required in the future due to new driver licenses being issued annually, in calendar year 2025 there were 32,434 new driver licenses issued in the City and County of Honolulu, and 44,445 new driver licenses issued statewide.

- **Customer Service Considerations:** Implementing an educational course that includes a road safety video and a written road safety examination for all applicants who received a traffic citation or infraction within the previous five years from the date an application for renewal of a driver’s license is filed would introduce additional complexity in the appointment scheduling process and at customer service windows, resulting in increased processing times and the potential for customer confusion.
- **Implementation Timeline and Resources:** CSD DMV will require sufficient time to fully implement an online written road safety examination. Implementation will require procurement of a qualified third-party vendor to develop and administer the online examination platform, securing and appropriating necessary funding, information technology development and system integration, and establishing data-sharing processes with the State Judiciary and other state and county partners. In addition, administrative rules,

internal procedures, staff training, public communications, and testing protocols would need to be developed and finalized.

Each of these steps requires coordination with the State Department of Transportation, the State Judiciary, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Information Technology, and the counties of Hawai'i, Kaua'i, and Maui to ensure consistent statewide standards and enforcement.

Given the scope of procurement, funding approval, system development, and interagency coordination required, CSD respectfully recommends an effective date of **January 1, 2028**, to allow adequate time for responsible implementation.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. No. 2665, S.D. 1.

Sincerely,

for Kimberly M. Hashiro
Director

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Submitted on: 2/24/2026 7:31:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Susan Pcola_Davis | Individual | Comments | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

The intent of the bill is understood.

Concern: I go in to renew my license and at that point I find out I have a citation within the last 5 years.I am denied the renewal.

At what point do I watch the video and take the test?; Do I make reservations or do it on the spot at satellite city hall?

As I said the intent is understood butt a process needs to be in place for this to work smoothly.

<p>A well thought out process needs to be developed.</p>

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Submitted on: 2/25/2026 6:16:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

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TO INCLUDE E-BIKE SAFETY

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary

From: Veronica Moore, Individual Citizen

Date: March 2, 2026

RE: Senate Bill 2665 SD1
Measure Title: RELATING TO RENEWAL OF DRIVER'S LICENSES.
Report Title: DOT; Traffic Safety; Driver's License; Renewal; Motor Vehicle
Drivers

To All Concerned,

My name is Veronica Moore and I support Senate Bill 2665 SD1. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Veronica M. Moore

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Submitted on: 3/3/2026 8:30:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Nelson Sua | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

So there is no monetary infraction penalty? This doesnt make sense. The traffic ticket would be the lesson.