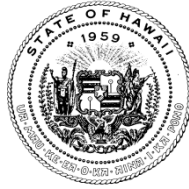


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**SB2991, SD1
RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY**

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) strong support S.B. 2991, S D 1, relating to the clarification of reexamination requirements before relicensing for persons with revoked licenses due to alcohol-related offenses, and the requirement that notices and orders of administrative revocation include certain information.

S.B. 2991, S.D.1 proposes amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 291E-34, 291E-45, 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 stemming from alcohol-related offenses. Specifically, the bill requires that individuals seeking reinstatement of their driving or vessel operator privileges demonstrate proof of compliance with all applicable requirements, submit certified statements, successfully complete a reexamination, and pay applicable fees prior to the reissuance of any license or privilege.

The DOT strong support this measure as it directly reinforces our primary mission of improving highway safety and protecting the lives of our community members, visitors, and all roadway users. Alcohol-impaired driving remains one of the leading causes of traffic fatalities in Hawaii and across the nation. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2021 Hawaii experienced 28 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities, all of which were entirely preventable. Ensuring that individuals whose licenses have been revoked due to alcohol-related offenses meet clearly defined, rigorous reinstatement criteria before returning to Hawaii's roadways is a critical public safety measure.

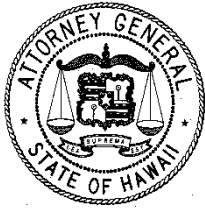
The clarity provided by S.B. 2991, S.D. 1 serves multiple important purposes. First, by requiring that notices and orders of administrative revocation include specific, detailed information, the bill ensures that affected individuals are fully informed of the steps necessary to regain their driving or vessel operating privileges. This transparency promotes fairness and due process while also reinforcing the seriousness of alcohol-related driving offenses. Second, by mandating successful completion of a

reexamination as a condition of reinstatement, the bill helps ensure that individuals who have had their licenses revoked for alcohol-related reasons demonstrate both their knowledge of traffic laws and their fitness to safely operate a vehicle or vessel before being permitted to return to Hawaii's roads and waterways.

These requirements are consistent with the DOT's broader efforts to deter impaired driving and to promote behavioral change among drivers who have demonstrated a willingness to operate a vehicle or vessel under the influence of alcohol. Reinstatement requirements that include education, compliance verification, and testing serve as meaningful interventions that can reduce the likelihood of repeat offenses and protect public safety. The DOT believes that the administrative clarity and procedural rigor introduced by this bill will strengthen the overall framework for addressing alcohol-impaired driving in Hawaii.

The DOT respectfully urges the Committee to pass S.B. 2991, S.D. 1.

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



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2991, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 **TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 430

TESTIFIER(S): Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or
Michael J.S. Moriyama, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Kila and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) provides the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify that persons whose driver's licenses have been revoked for certain alcohol-related offenses must undergo reexamination before the examiner of drivers may issue a new license. The bill also requires that notices and orders of administrative revocation include the period of revocation, including specific start and end dates.

The Department is concerned that the bill requires information that cannot be determined at the time the notice of administrative revocation is issued (page 1, lines 7-8). The notice is issued prior to the administrative review decision and remains subject to administrative review and hearing, either of which may result in no revocation. Accordingly, the actual start and end dates of any revocation cannot be determined until after the process is complete.

Current law already requires that the notice include the issue date and the date the revocation is scheduled to take effect. See section 291E-34(b)(3), HRS. Additionally, section 291E-41(b), HRS, establishes the applicable revocation periods.

To address this issue, the Department recommends amending section 291E-34(a)(2) (page 1, lines 7-8) as follows:

- (2) The ~~[period]~~ periods of administrative revocation, ~~[including the start date and end date;]~~ as set forth in section 291E-41(b);

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.



Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

House Committee on Transportation

March 24, 2026 9:00AM

Conference Room 430 & Videoconference

SB2991 SD1

Relating to Highway Safety

Dear Chair Kila, Vice Chair Miyake, and Committee Members,

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **supports SB2991 SD1**, 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 and requires a notice and order of administrative revocation to include certain information.

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-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2026 1:47:48 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

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: Representative Darius K. Kila, Chair
Representative Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation

From: Veronica Moore, Individual Citizen

Date: March 23, 2026

RE: Senate Bill 2991 SD1
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 SD1. Your consideration is appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Veronica M. Moore

SB-2991-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 9:21:15 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad K Taniguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

At some point drivers who consistently drive irresponsibly and anti-life should walk, bike, catch the bus, pay big money for uber, or wise up. The roads are public. Other people besides irresponsible drivers have a right to be safe on them.

Everyone has the [right to be safe](#) on Hawaii's roads.

Kamehameha's [Law of the Splintered Paddle](#) 1797, Hawaii
Constitution 1978