

ACT 35

H.B. NO. 1640

A Bill for an Act Relating to Certificates of Identification.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is critical for all citizens in Hawaii to obtain state identification. The State authorizes the counties to issue state driver's licenses in several convenient locations. However, those without state driver's licenses must obtain certificates of identification, which may only be obtained from very few locations throughout the State.

The purpose of this Act is to mandate the attorney general to work with the counties to allow county employees to issue certificates of identification at the same locations where driver's licenses are issued.

SECTION 2. Section 846-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§846-21 Authority of attorney general. (a) The attorney general shall carry out this part. In conformity with chapter 76, the attorney general may appoint ~~[such]~~ subordinates, ~~[at such]~~ with compensation, within the limits of available appropriations therefor, or without compensation, as may be necessary or proper to carry out this part, and~~[-]~~ the attorney general may delegate to ~~[such]~~ the subordinates ~~[such of the attorney general's]~~ those powers and duties ~~[as]~~ that may be necessary for the efficient administration of this part.

(b) The attorney general, in cooperation with the director of transportation and the appropriate county agencies, shall allow county employees to issue

certificates of identification under this part at locations where driver's licenses are issued."

SECTION 3. The attorney general, in cooperation with the director of transportation and the counties, shall explore options and procedures to allow the counties to issue certificates of identification. The attorney general, in consultation with the director of transportation and the counties, shall submit a report to the legislature, including findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that section 2 shall take effect on January 1, 2013.

(Approved May 2, 2011.)