
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 Drivers Safety Act.

3 SECTION 2. Under the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, Pub. L.
4 No. 109-13, states are required to comply with federally
5 mandated eligibility criteria in issuing driver's licenses,
6 including requiring proof of lawful presence in the United
7 States. As a consequence, an individual who does not submit
8 satisfactory evidence of lawful presence cannot legally operate
9 a motor vehicle. The REAL ID Act, however, does allow states to
10 issue specialized driver's licenses that are not subject to the
11 minimum documentary requirements for limited non-federal
12 purposes. Adopting this allowance is critical. Since 2010,
13 when the State implemented the federal law's restrictive
14 requirements for proof of authorized presence, the reality has
15 become that a significant number of Hawaii residents who do not
16 possess the necessary documentation are operating motor vehicles



1 without a license, and thus without the mandatory insurance, in
2 order to perform essential daily activities.

3 The heightened documentary requirements unduly burden
4 elderly individuals, houseless individuals, undocumented
5 immigrants, lawfully-present nonimmigrants, and survivors of
6 gender-based violence. The lack of access to licensure hinders
7 the ability of these residents, regardless of their status, to
8 drive safely, legally, and with mandatory motor vehicle
9 insurance while engaging in everyday activities such as going to
10 work or to church, running errands, dropping-off children at
11 school, and taking family members to medical appointments. As
12 women are often the primary caretakers of children, they bear a
13 disproportionate impact of the federal law.

14 In recent years, there has been a significant increase in
15 state efforts to expand access to driver's licenses for persons
16 who cannot provide proof of authorized presence. Ten states,
17 including California, Connecticut, Illinois, and Maryland, plus
18 Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, now grant access to a
19 driver's license regardless of immigration status, requiring
20 instead that the applicant establish evidence of current
21 residency in the respective jurisdiction. Two of those states,



1 New Mexico and Washington, have successfully operated programs
2 to allow full driving privileges to residents without
3 documentation of authorized presence for more than a decade and
4 two decades, respectively. In 2014, similar legislation was
5 considered in Hawaii but, ultimately, was not enacted.

6 The legislature finds that prohibiting access to driver's
7 licenses for a significant portion of Hawaii's residents through
8 restrictive documentary requirements poses a serious threat to
9 the safety of the people of this State. It is clear that the
10 current law needs to be revised and updated to allow for proper
11 review and certification of all motorists in Hawaii, including
12 resident immigrants without documentation of authorized
13 presence. Allowing all age-qualifying residents to obtain
14 limited purpose driver's licenses will improve public safety by
15 ensuring that all drivers are tested for driving skills and able
16 to acquire motor vehicle insurance.

17 It is not the legislature's intent for this Act to endanger
18 the State's compliance with federal law, including the REAL ID
19 Act. Issuing restricted driver's licenses for the limited
20 purpose of driving a motor vehicle, as long as the licenses are
21 clearly marked as not acceptable for federal identification or



1 other official federal purposes, is permissible under section
2 202 of the REAL ID Act and will not jeopardize the State's
3 eligibility for federal grants or funding. The limited purpose
4 driver's licenses authorized by this Act will have unique
5 markings that comply with the federal law.

6 The purpose of this Act is to enable the appropriate
7 licensing authority in each county to issue uniquely identified
8 limited purpose driver's licenses, provisional driver's
9 licenses, and instruction permits to residents who meet the
10 other qualifications for licensure or permit and provide
11 satisfactory proof of their identity and state residency.

12 SECTION 3. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
14 and to read as follows:

15 "§286- Limited purpose driver's license, provisional
16 driver's license, and instruction permits. (a) Notwithstanding
17 section 286-104(7) to the contrary, every person who submits an
18 application for a driver's license, provisional driver's
19 license, or instruction permit that satisfies the requirements
20 of this chapter except for the applicant's inability or refusal
21 to provide satisfactory proof of authorized presence in the



1 United States under federal law shall be issued a limited
2 purpose driver's license, a limited purpose provisional driver's
3 license, or a limited purpose instruction permit that is
4 uniquely identified in compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005
5 upon provision of satisfactory proof to the examiner of drivers
6 of the applicant's identity and residency in the State. The
7 examiner of drivers shall accept various types of documentation
8 for the purpose of establishing the applicant's identity and
9 residency in the State, which may be established by more than
10 one document. Acceptable documentation includes:

- 11 (1) A valid, unexpired consular identification document
12 issued by a consulate from the applicant's country of
13 citizenship or a valid, unexpired passport from the
14 applicant's country of citizenship;
- 15 (2) An original birth certificate;
- 16 (3) A current home utility bill, lease, or rental
17 agreement, or deed or title to real property in the
18 State;
- 19 (4) A United States Department of Homeland Security Form
20 I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of
21 Removal;



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- 1 (5) An official school or college transcript that includes
- 2 the applicant's date of birth or a foreign school
- 3 record that is sealed and includes a photograph of the
- 4 applicant at the age the record was issued;
- 5 (6) An official school or college identification card that
- 6 includes the applicant's full name and a photograph of
- 7 the applicant at the time the identification was
- 8 issued;
- 9 (7) A United States Department of Homeland Security Form
- 10 I-20 or Form DS-2019;
- 11 (8) A United States Customs and Immigration Services
- 12 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival Approval Letter;
- 13 (9) A valid identification card for health benefits;
- 14 (10) A valid identification card for an assistance or
- 15 social services program;
- 16 (11) A current voter registration card issued by the State;
- 17 (12) A wage stub issued in the last six months;
- 18 (13) An income tax return filed in the last two years;
- 19 (14) A social security card;
- 20 (15) One of the following documents which, if in a language
- 21 other than English, shall be accompanied by a



1 certified translation or an affidavit of translation
2 into English:

3 (A) Marriage license or divorce certificate;

4 (B) Foreign federal electoral photo card issued on or
5 after January 1, 1991;

6 (C) Foreign student identification card; or

7 (D) Foreign driver's license; or

8 (16) Other proof of Hawaii residency as designated by the
9 director.

10 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, every
11 application under this section shall be made upon the form and
12 in the manner required by section 286-111, and shall be
13 accompanied by the fee established for non-limited purpose
14 licenses or permits pursuant to section 286-111. The examiner
15 of drivers shall not require any applicant under this section to
16 furnish information regarding the applicant's eligibility or
17 ineligibility for a social security number. The examiner shall
18 not disclose the identity of any applicant who does not provide
19 a social security card or social security number.

20 (c) Every limited purpose driver's license, limited
21 purpose provisional driver's license, and limited purpose



1 instruction permit issued pursuant to this section shall on its
2 face bear the phrase, "Not acceptable for official federal
3 purposes," and on its reverse bear the phrase, "This license is
4 issued only as a license to drive a motor vehicle. It does not
5 establish eligibility for employment, voter registration, or
6 public benefits." If the United States Department of Homeland
7 Security determines that limited purpose licenses or permits
8 issued pursuant to this section do not satisfy the requirements
9 of Section 37.71 of Title 6 of the Code of Federal Regulations,
10 adopted pursuant to paragraph (11) of subdivision (d) of Section
11 202 of the Real ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-13, the examiner
12 of drivers, under the direction of the department, shall modify
13 the limited purpose licenses and permits issued pursuant to this
14 section only to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements
15 of the federal law.

16 (d) Every limited purpose driver's license and limited
17 purpose provisional driver's license shall expire in accordance
18 with section 286-106, and every limited purpose instruction
19 permit shall expire in accordance with section 286-110.

20 (e) A limited purpose driver's license or limited purpose
21 provisional driver's license may be renewed in accordance with



1 section 286-107 and reactivated in accordance with section 286-
2 107.5. A limited purpose instruction permit may be renewed in
3 accordance with section 286-110.

4 (f) It shall be a violation of law to discriminate against
5 a person because the person applied for, was denied, was issued,
6 holds, or presents a limited purpose driver's license, limited
7 purpose provisional driver's license, or limited purpose
8 instruction permit.

9 (g) A limited purpose license or permit issued pursuant to
10 this section shall not be used to consider a person's
11 citizenship or immigration status as a basis for a criminal
12 investigation, arrest, or detention.

13 (h) Documents and information collected pursuant to an
14 application for, denial of, or issuance of a limited purpose
15 driver's license, limited purpose provisional driver's license,
16 or limited purpose instruction permit shall be confidential and
17 shall not be disclosed by the examiner of drivers or the
18 department except as required by law.

19 (i) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with
20 chapter 91 to implement the requirements of this section."



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1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Driver's Licenses; Proof of Authorized Presence

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of limited purpose driver's licenses, provisional licenses, and instruction permits for individuals who are otherwise eligible for a license or permit but do not present proof of authorized presence in the United States.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.



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February 11, 2015
10:00 A.M.
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House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent** of this bill and is providing comments on this measure that would authorize the issuance of limited purpose driver's licenses, provisional licenses, and instruction permits for individuals who are otherwise eligible for a license or a permit, but do not present proof of authorized presence in the United States.

The State of Hawaii driver's license and state identification card have been certified by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as being compliant with the Federal REAL ID Act of 2005. Because DHS has determined that Hawaii's driver licenses and state identification cards are compliant, our residents are able, and will continue to be able to use them to board commercial airlines, enter federal buildings and access nuclear facilities.

DOT supports allowing all age-qualifying individuals to obtain "limited purpose" driving licenses and permits provided it does not jeopardize the State's compliance certification because it will improve public safety by ensuring all drivers are tested for driving skills and able to acquire motor vehicle insurance.

DOT recommends that S.B. 683 with DOT's recommended amendments be considered, if the intent of this measure is to allow the issuance of "limited purpose" licenses or permits to individuals who are otherwise eligible for a license or a permit, but do not present proof of authorized presence in the United States.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

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February 11, 2015

The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
State House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Aquino and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1011, Relating to the Traffic Code

I am Calvin Tong Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu. The HPD supports the passage of House Bill No. 1011, Relating to the Traffic Code.

Any aftermarket rim or wheel ornamentation that extends more than four inches beyond the rim of a vehicle has the potential to cause damage to other vehicles and harm to bicyclists and pedestrians.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 1011, Relating to Dangerous Wheels.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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CALVIN TONG, Major
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APPROVED:

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Committee: Committee on Transportation
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 309
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii **in Support of H.B. 1007**, Relating to Motor Vehicle Licensing

Dear Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee on Transportation,

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in **support of H.B. 1107**, Relating to Motor Vehicle Licensing.

This bill will improve public safety. There are many individuals in Hawaii who currently drive without a license, and without insurance, because they cannot provide proof of lawful status in the United States. Allowing these individuals to obtain licenses will also allow them to obtain insurance, resulting in safer (and more economically secure) communities. Allowing these individuals to obtain licenses also increases the community’s trust of law enforcement (and, with it, willingness to cooperate with law enforcement in criminal investigations).

The ACLU of Hawaii recommends the following amendments to protect those who hold these licenses from unlawful discrimination:

1. **In HRS § 286-___(d)(1), place the language regarding federal identification on the reverse of the license, rather than the face.** The Legislature can accomplish the same effect – ensuring that individuals holding this license cannot use the license for federal identification purposes – without drawing attention to the language in a way that may invite discrimination by those viewing the license.
2. **In HRS § 286-___(d)(1) and (d)(1), require that this language appear in a font size no larger than the smallest font size otherwise appearing on the card.**
3. **Strengthen the bill’s anti-discrimination provisions.**

We respectfully request that the Committee include these amendments and pass the bill.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for 50 years.

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**Hawai'i Coalition for
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Personal Dignity, Family Unity, Civil Rights

To: Representative Henry Aquino, Chair
Representative Matthew Lo Presti, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Transportation

From: Khara Jabola Carolus, Legislative Coordinator, Hawai'i Coalition for Immigration Reform

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of HB 1007, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing

On behalf of the Hawai'i Coalition for Immigration Reform, I would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1007 which would ensure that all motorists in Hawai'i are trained, tested, and licensed, regardless of immigration status. Importantly, this bill also works to further our collective mission to eliminate ancestry and race-based discrimination associated with the denial of basic rights to undocumented immigrants.

The benefit to society in eliminating barriers to driver's licensure far outweighs any justifications for keeping them. The following are key reasons to enact this important measure:

1. HB 1007 increases the safety of our roads and highways.

It is clear that our current law needs to be revised and updated to provide full access to proper certification to all motorists in Hawai'i. AAA found that unlicensed drivers are almost five times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than licensed drivers.¹ According to the Insurance Research Council, about 11% of all drivers in Hawai'i are uninsured and uninsured motorists increase the probability of fatal car crashes.² Ensuring that undocumented immigrants are able to obtain a license is a simple matter of public safety.

2. HB 1007 encourages economic vibrancy and social participation.

Currently, Hawai'i driver's licenses are unavailable for persons who fail to provide proof of legal status in the United States. According to the Pew Research Center, at least 3.1 percent of Hawai'i's population, or what amounts to 40,000 workers, cannot furnish such proof. These thousands of individuals are unlicensed and, therefore, untested and uninsured. The Migration Policy Institute (MPI) reports that one of the top three difficulties cited by immigrants in Hawai'i is the ability to drive safely and legally to work, church, to run errands, to drop children off to school and drive them to medical appointments. For example, barriers to driver's licenses pose one of the biggest problems for immigrants on Maui and the Big Island where public

¹ *High-Risk Drivers Fact Sheet* (AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, undated), www.aaafoundation.org/sites/default/files/UnleasedToKill2.pdf.

² J. Tim Query & Risa Kumazawa, *Examining the Impact of Issuing Driver's Licenses to Undocumented Immigrants* 1 National Association of Insurance Commissioners (2011), http://business.nmsu.edu/~tquery/research/UM-NM_%20FINAL%20JIR%20VERSION.pdf.

transportation is not as frequent as O`ahu.³ Women immigrants in particular are disproportionately impacted because they are often the primary caretakers of children.

Unlicensed, uninsured drivers cause damage claims that other policy holders must cover. If these drivers can get licensed and insured, the cost of covering accidents involving uninsured motorists will decline, and everyone will pay lower insurance rates. Each insured motorist also pays for a portion of the costs for others that drive uninsured. Since New Mexico began issuing licenses to undocumented immigrants in 2003, its rate of uninsured motorists fell from 33% to 9%; This legislation will bring increased revenue into the state and boost the auto insurance and auto sales industries, fuel, and other auto service businesses. Drivers licenses will ensure that people drive safely and legally in order to take care of their families and contribute to the state's economy. As a result of not having a valid drivers license, immigrant community members have trouble accomplishing basic daily tasks such as purchasing groceries.

3. Law enforcement has a compelling interest in licensure for all.

A driver's license increases the willingness of immigrant witnesses and victims to cooperate with law enforcement officers and assist in criminal investigations. Further, police can use their resources more efficiently when drivers have licenses. Every time a police offer stops someone who has no identification, it requires additional manpower to determine the identity of an arrestee. In addition, unlicensed drivers are more likely to leave the scene of a crash than are licensed drivers. For example, many hit-and-runs in California are caused by undocumented immigrants "who flee because they're afraid of being deported and having their vehicles taken because they're driving without licenses."⁴ More still, the driver's license database is the largest law enforcement database in the country (containing more information than the IRS database, SS database or state birth certificate databases), thus providing an invaluable police tool. Finally, the bill does not provide a loophole for those drivers whose regular driver's licenses have been revoked, cancelled, or expired.

4. The nation is moving to provide licensure for all motorists, regardless of immigration status.

Since 2013, there has been a significant increase in pro-immigrant efforts to expand access to driver's licenses. Eleven states, plus Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, have enacted laws that grant access to a driver's license or card, regardless of immigration status. In 2014, Hawai'i introduced similar legislation but failed to enact the proposed measure.

5. Hawai'i will remain REAL ID compliant.

HB 1007 does not endanger the State's compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005 and will not lose federal grants or funding with the passing of this legislation. Currently, Hawai'i driver's licenses are unavailable for persons who fail to comply with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-13, § § 201-202. A person who does not submit satisfactory proof that his or her presence in the United States is authorized by federal law cannot operate a motor vehicle in the State of Hawaii. The REAL ID Act, however, specifically allows for states to create non-REAL ID compliant cards in lieu of or in addition to REAL ID compliant driver's licenses. Hawai'i's drivers licenses will remain untouched. Instead, this bill creates a

³ Jeanne Batalova, Monisha Das Gupta, & Sue Patricia Haglund, *Newcomers to the Aloha*, MIGRATION POL'Y INSTITUTE 2 (Sept. 2013).

⁴ Dennis Romero, *How to Get Away with a Hit-and-Run in Los Angeles*, L.A. Weekly (Dec. 6, 2012) http://blogs.laweekly.com/informer/2012/12/hit_and_run_los_angeles_lapd.php.

separate, limited purpose driver's license that conforms with the unique identification requirements of the REAL ID Act.

On behalf of our coalition, I respectfully urge this committee to pass HB 1007. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your leadership on this important issue.

Mahalo,

Khara Jabola-Carolus



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1007: Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing

TO: Representative Henry Aquino, Chair, Representative Matthew LoPresti, Vice Chair, and Members, Committee on Transportation

FROM: Trisha Kajimura, Social Policy Director, Catholic Charities Hawai'i

Hearing: Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 10:00 AM, Conference Room 309

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1007, which will increase access to Hawaii drivers' licenses for people currently ineligible. Catholic Charities Hawai'i supports HB 1007: Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for almost 70 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, developmentally disabled, homeless and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy to the most vulnerable of the people in Hawai'i.

Immigrants are a vulnerable group that CCH has provided services to for many years. The roots of CCH's immigrant services go back to 1944, when four Maryknoll sisters worked out of the back of the Chancery office on Fort Street Mall near Chinatown to attend to the needs of immigrant families and children. Today we provide English language and acculturation classes as well as low-cost assistance with immigration applications. In Hilo, we have an Immigration Resource Center that provides services to help immigrants make the adjustments and gain the skills critical to attaining a productive life in Hawai'i.

HB 1007 will help immigrants deal with some of the challenges of daily life and make roadways safer for everyone. It will increase the amount of trained, tested, and insured drivers in our state. 11% of Hawai'i's drivers are estimated to be uninsured. These uninsured drivers increase the cost of driving for those of us who follow the law.

HB 1007 will also help to improve the relationship between immigrant communities and law enforcement. Driver's licenses help law enforcement officers perform their jobs more safely, effectively and efficiently. They enable law enforcement officers to identify the drivers they stop, and check the driver's traffic and criminal record. In addition, licenses will assist first responders and health care providers in determining the identity of the person they are assisting.

Additionally, HB 1007 will help people who are not immigrants but who are having difficulty, due to cost or logistics, obtaining the currently required documents for a driver's license. This would include seniors, especially low-income seniors, people transitioning from homelessness, domestic violence victims and disaster victims.

Nationwide, state legislatures are creating and moving legislation to ensure roadway safety for all. These policies are being adopted to decrease the number of unlicensed and uninsured drivers and increase public safety. Eleven states, in addition to Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, have enacted laws to increase access to driver's licenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, please contact me at (808)527-4810 or trisha.kajimura@catholiccharitieshawaii.org if you have any questions.



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10 February 2015

Representative Henry Aquino, Chair
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Members of the House Committee on Transportation

Dear Mr. Aquino, Mr. LoPresti and Members of the House Committee on Transportation:

Re: HB 1007, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing
Hearing Date, Time: 02-11-15. 10:00 AM
Place: Conference Room 309

As Conference Minister of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ, I write in support of HB 1007, which would provide access to Hawai'i drivers' licenses for persons who cannot show proof of authorized presence or are not given a Social Security number, provided that additional documentation regarding identity is provided.

HB 1007 is vital to ensuring the safety of our roadways for pedestrians, residents and visitors to Hawai'i. Ensuring that everyone who drives on our roads and highways is trained, tested, and insured promotes public safety, safer communities and economic participation. Nationwide, state legislatures are considering legislation to ensure roadway safety for all. Eleven states, in addition to Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, have enacted laws to increase access to driver's licenses.

The Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ, the largest Protestant denomination in Hawai'i with 130 churches around the State, includes dozens of churches with members that would benefit from this bill. These are hard-working, gainfully employed, law-abiding citizens. However, when current paperwork requirements prevent some from applying for a driver's license, even when they are lawfully present, such as persons from the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, they cannot apply for a driver's license and are restricted in their ability to work, take children to school, run errands, and other activities normal and necessary for well-being.

Another benefit to the bill is reducing the number of unlicensed, uninsured drivers on our roads who generate damage claims that licensed, insured policy holders are forced to cover. When New Mexico began issuing licenses to undocumented immigrants in 2003, its rate of uninsured motorists fell from 33 percent to 9 percent. With this bill, the cost of covering accidents involving uninsured motorists will decline, and everyone will pay lower insurance rates.

Yet another benefit of the bill is that it will foster public trust and safety. Driver's licenses help law enforcement officers perform their jobs more safely, effectively and efficiently. They enable law enforcement officers to identify the drivers they stop and check the driver's traffic and criminal record. In addition, licenses will assist first responders and health care providers in determining the identity of the person they are assisting.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

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Charles Buck
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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Transportation
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 309
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of H.B. 1007

Dear Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee on Transportation,

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii (“PPHI”) writes in support of H.B. 1007, which seeks to authorize the issuance of a limited purpose driver's license, limited purpose provisional driver's license, and instruction permit for Hawaii residents who are unable to provide proof of authorized presence in the United States..

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii is dedicated to providing Hawaii’s people with high quality, affordable and confidential sexual and reproductive health care, education, and advocacy. To that end, we are deeply concerned about the fact that undocumented women, in particular survivors of gender-based violence, are heavily burdened by their inability to obtain a driver’s license and seek health and other care for themselves and their families. All Hawaii residents should have a safe and legal way to access health care.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 1007.

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Wednesday, February 11, 2015
10:00 a.m.

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Chair Aquino, Vice Chair LoPresti, and members of the Committee on Transportation, my name is Alison Ueoka, Executive Director of the Hawaii Insurers Council. Hawaii Insurers Council is a non-profit trade association of property and casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in Hawaii. Member companies underwrite approximately thirty-six percent of all property and casualty insurance premiums in the state.

Hawaii Insurers Council offers comments on this bill. HIC does not object to the intent of the bill, which is to allow those persons an alternative way to obtain a driver's license.

We respectfully request the bill be amended to include a provision for a unique identifier on these types of driver's licenses in order to track data. One simple way to do that would be to change the letter identifier on the Hawaii driver license number without changing the number of fields.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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| Deanna Espinas | Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights/Immigration Reform | Support | Yes |

Comments:

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 1007

Senate Committee on Transportation

Feb. 11, 2015 · 10 a.m. · Hawai'i State Legislature Conference Room 309

To: Honorable Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
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From: Jake Manegdeg, President and Charlene Cuaresma, Vice President
Filipino American Citizens League

We are Jake Manegdeg, president, and Charlene Cuaresma, vice president, of the Filipino American Citizens League. We are very proud to strongly support this bill. The League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

The League sends you our appreciation for hearing this bill. We support this bill because it provides safeguards to ensure that all drivers, including individuals without proper immigration documentation, are offered to produce other forms of documentation, in order to access driver's license training, car insurance, and be held accountable for public safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak up, in hopes of pointing our civil society in the direction of strengthening people's ability to participate more fully and responsibly in the daily tasks of acquiring food, shelter, clothing, transportation, health, education and more for themselves, their families, and others. The vitality of Hawai'i's communities and economy depends on our ability to be inclusive for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg, President
Charlene Cuaresma, Vice President
Filipino American Citizens League



Hawai`i Friends for Civil Rights
Amy Agbayani, Co-Founder & President
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From: Amy Agbayani, Ph.D., Co-Founder & President
Hawai`i Friends for Civil Rights

As the co-founder and president of Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights, I submit strong support for this bill. HFQR is a group dedicated to fulfilling the work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by addressing disparities and discrimination through the promotion of change agents for social justice through education, service and advocacy.

HFQR strongly supports this bill that would enable persons who are ineligible to receive a social security number to show other documentation in order to apply for a driver's license. Concerns over public safety are addressed in this bill. The benefits of registering all drivers in the DMV provides protections to public safety by increasing the number of trained, tested and accountable drivers. Everyone stands to benefit from an inclusive system that promotes civic responsibility, enables people to participate fully in the daily transactions of commerce, and encourages people to care for one another. Surely, if eleven other states with large immigrant populations have already benefitted from the prudence of enacting drivers license laws, Hawai`i can implement those best policy and management practices, as well.

Thank you for hearing this bill, and for the opportunity to provide our full support in your consideration of its passage.

Very Sincerely,

Amy Agbayani, Ph.D.
Co-Founder and President
Hawai`i Friends of Civil Rights



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From: Jovanie de la Cruz, Executive Board of Directors Member
Filipino Coalition for Solidarity

My name is Jovanie de la Cruz, Executive Board of Directors member of the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity. The Coalition strongly supports this bill. Since its inception in 1990, the Coalition has represented more than 50 Filipino community leaders, whose aim is to work for social justice issues to empower Filipinos to make socially responsible contributions to Hawai'i and our global neighbors through education, advocacy, and social action.

We strongly support this bill. For those who do not have proper documentation, it not only creates extraordinary stress on the ability for families to care for each other, but it also puts society at great risk when it concerns the lack of accountability for traffic safety. According to the American Auto Association, unlicensed drivers are five times more likely to be involved in a fatal car crash than licensed drivers. This bill will remedy this situation by allowing undocumented immigrants an opportunity to be trained, tested, and accountable in order to acquire a driver's license. In addition, we support the provisions of this bill, which sets restrictions for use of this driver's license for identification purposes. The public will be well served and all will be protected.

The Coalition extends our gratitude to you for hearing this important bill.

Respectfully,

Jovanie de la Cruz
Executive Board of Directors Member
Filipino Coalition for Solidarity



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TO: Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
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FROM: Scott Morishige, Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: House Committee on Transportation
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Conf. Rm. 309

Testimony in support of HB1007, Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of HB1007, which creates a limited purpose driver's license, provisional license, and instruction permit for all Hawaii residents regardless of immigration status. PHOCUSED is a nonprofit membership and advocacy organization that works together with community stakeholders to impact program and policy change for the most vulnerable in our community, including immigrant households.

Many immigrants in Hawaii – including those who are lawfully present and are citizens – are unable to obtain a legal driver's license due to current paperwork requirements. When individuals are unable to obtain a license, yet continue to drive to carry out their daily activities, this places the safety of the community at risk. According to the American Automobile Association, unlicensed drivers are nearly five times more likely to be involved in a fatal car crash than licensed drivers. In addition, unlicensed, uninsured drivers cause damage claims that other policy holders must cover.

Nationally, 11 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, have enacted legislation that provides access to a driver's license or card regardless of immigration status. Increasing access not only ensures more licensed drivers on the roads, but also results in a decrease in uninsured drivers. Since New Mexico began issuing licenses to undocumented immigrants in 2003, its rate of uninsured motorists fell from 33% to 9%.

Once again, we support SB683 and believe this bill promotes public safety, and reduces risk for Hawaii's motorists. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this important issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or e-mail us at admin@phocused-hawaii.org.



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From: Rouel Velasco, Chair
National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region 12

My name is Rouel Velasco, Chair, NaFFAA Region 12, which strongly supports this bill. NaFFAA Region 12 represents the interests of Filipinos in Hawai'i, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands. We are an affiliate of the National NaFFAA. Washington policy-makers, private industry and national advocacy groups recognize NaFFAA as the Voice of Filipinos and Filipino Americans throughout the United States. We are a non-partisan, non-profit national affiliation of more than five hundred Filipino-American institutions and umbrella organizations that span twelve regions throughout the continental United States and U.S. Pacific territories.

NaFFAA supports the intent of this bill, which is to protect the public with an inclusive policy that offers undocumented immigrants to get a driver's license. That will allow them to drive to work, bring their family members to school, to the doctor's, go grocery shopping, be responsibly engaged in the daily transactions of commerce, and more. This will be in the public's best interest, because it will increase accountability and opportunity for people without federally required identification sources to use alternative forms of identification in order to apply for a drivers license. We also agree with the bill's comprehensive public safety provisions included.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to submit our strong support.

Sincerely,

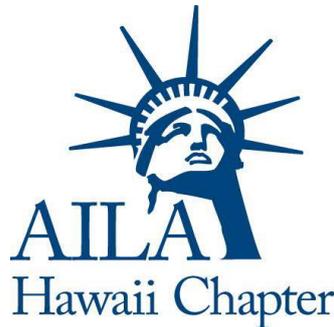
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Chair Henry Aquino
Vice-Chair Matthew LoPresti
Members of the House Committee on Transportation

Hearing Date and Time: 02-011-2015 10:00 AM

Place: Conference room 229

RE: HB 1007 – STRONG SUPPORT

We write in strong support of HB 1007 which would provide access to Hawaii drivers' licenses for persons who cannot show proof of "legal" presence or who are not given a Social Security number, if additional documentation regarding identity is provided.

HB 1007 is vital to ensuring roadway safety for pedestrians, residents of and visitors to Hawaii. Ensuring that everyone who drives on our roads and highways is trained, tested, and insured promotes public safety, safer communities and economic participation.

Currently, the documentation requirements mean that many people are not eligible for a Hawaii driver's license. For example, even many lawfully present foreign and US citizens are not eligible for the driver's license which they need to work and to carry out other daily activities because of the restrictive documentation requirements.

According to a recent Migration Policy Institute report, the major difficulties faced by migrants in Hawaii include: 1) isolation, 2) traveling inter-island for health-related needs and to access the services offered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (biometrics in connection with an application), and 3) safely driving to work, to church, to run errands, or to drop children off to school. The need for driver's licenses was established as a priority by research participants.

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Unlicensed, uninsured drivers cause damage claims that other policy holders must cover. If these drivers can get licensed and insured, the cost of covering accidents involving uninsured motorists will decline, and everyone will pay lower insurance rates. Nationwide, state legislatures are creating and moving legislation to ensure roadway safety for all. These policies are being adopted to decrease the number of unlicensed and uninsured drivers and to increase public safety.

As an association of immigration lawyers, we see people with two distinct issues: one group of people does not have proof of "legal presence" yet has the need to drive legally. The second group has lawful presence under US immigration law, and yet the way the current law is being enforced to show the "legal presence" requirement is overly restrictive. Take the example of an engineer who is in H-1B nonimmigrant status working for a local engineering firm. His petition to extend his H-1B status is pending with US Citizenship & Immigration Services, and under the USCIS regulations, he is allowed to continue to work and to live in the US while his petition is pending. However, DMV refuses to issue him a renewal on his license, even with the original receipt showing that his extension is pending with USCIS. Here's another example: a nursing student graduate of a local university who is here during the grace period after her Optional Practice Training work authorization has expired and who has married a US citizen. She has filed an application for adjustment of status and may have to wait as many as 90 days for her work authorization to be renewed by USCIS. Both people in these examples have lawful presence, but both are being shut out of drivers' license renewals, even under the current law.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION - HAWAII CHAPTER

Clare M. Hanusz

Chair

¹ Batalova, Jeanne, Monisha Das Gupta, and Sue Patricia Haglund. 2013. Newcomers to the Aloha State: Challenges and Prospects for Mexicans in Hawai'i. Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute.



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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

HB1007

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSING House Committee on Transportation

February 11, 2015

10:00 A.M.

Conference Room 309

Aloha mai kākou,

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of **HB1007**, which will improve the safety and economy of our state, while giving a fair shake to some of the most disenfranchised yet economically and socially critical members of our community.

Denying access to drivers licenses for out-of-status immigrants exacerbates the costly, prejudice-driven social ills that are embedded in federal immigration policies. As Hawai'i should be amply aware, unjustified xenophobia, prejudice and inherent unfairness has been a historic hallmark of federal immigration policies, which facilitated the great suffering and oppression faced by many of our direct ancestors. Even today, immigration status-related racial discrimination, exploitation and social prejudice continue to plague our most vulnerable immigrant communities, who for the most part seek only to contribute to our society and economy, and ensure better lives for their children and grandchildren. Not surprisingly, the current inability of **our undocumented community members – who support our most critical local industries, pay \$50 million in local taxes and who nationally pay state and federal income taxes estimated at \$11.2 billion dollars annually**¹ -- to obtain drivers licenses reportedly facilitates racial profiling by police officers, and further isolates already marginalized communities from police and other critical social services necessary to ensure the health and well-being of our larger society. The continued incorporation of federal immigration policy into our drivers licensing statute will only add to such unnecessary and unjustified costs to the economy and social

¹ See Immigration Policy Center, Unauthorized Immigrants Pay Taxes Too (April 18, 2011) available at <http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/just-facts/unauthorized-immigrants-pay-taxes-too>.

fabric of our island home.

This bill will promote our economic and social well-being, while sending a strong message to Washington, D.C., as well as the continent as a whole.

By enacting this measure, Hawai'i will promote the security and well-being of our most vulnerable communities, facilitate local economic development that has *always* relied upon immigrant labor, mitigate the further development of social prejudices, improve the safety of our roadways, and reduce insurance costs through greater participation in vehicular insurance programs. The realization of these benefits may also send a clear and strong message to Washington, D.C. and the continental United States regarding the valuable insight Hawai'i may hold, as informed by our unique island values and rich immigrant history.

Therefore, HealthyPacific.Org respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** HB1007.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.

... a non-profit organization with a mission to address the global nursing shortage by providing guidance and assistance for nursing colleagues to obtain their professional license in nursing.

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From: Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDONA
Co-Founder & President, Nursing, Advocates & Mentors, Inc.

My name is Beatrice Ramos-Razon. As the founder and president of NAMI (Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.), I am proud to submit our strong support for this bill. NAMI's membership is comprised of over 75 volunteer nurses, instructors, allied health care professionals, and Filipino leaders, who are dedicated to improve the health of Hawai'i's people through education, mentoring, advocacy and service.

NAMI strongly supports this bill, because this measure offers a viable solution. It will reduce the financial burdens and risks on society due to traffic accidents that are aggravated when a significant segment of individuals drive without a license, and under the radar of accountability. The state of New Mexico has demonstrated that since 2003, when undocumented immigrants were issued drivers licenses, the rate of uninsured motorists fell from 33% to 9%. Hawai'i could likewise benefit.

Thank you for hearing this bill, and for the opportunity to share the hope that disenfranchised individuals and families can be strengthened by leaders like you, in order to become viable and accountable stakeholders for public safety and well-being.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDONA
President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider this testimony. As an educator, I see the daily challenges faced by COFA migrants in our community. There are challenges in education, housing, health care, discrimination, and other factors. When I learned that the #1 reason why COFA migrants are arrested was because of driving without a license, I committed to learning why. I spoke with leaders of community groups and dozens of COFA migrants themselves. Over and over, I heard about how they or someone they know had lost their I-94 and could not afford the fee to apply for a new one. Without this I-94, they could not apply for a driver's license. But, they needed to drive to get to work, school, church, and other locations. During these trips, some have been pulled over for traffic infractions. Rather than receive a traffic ticket, they were also cited for driving without a license. This has resulted in the incarceration of many, many COFA migrants. By offering a State Driver's License, rather than needing to follow the federal requirements, COFA migrants can gain access to this important key to community life. Most COFA migrants I have spoken with want to be a part of community life, but have struggled to find their place in Hawaii. Passing this bill would offer a leg up for a group of people who are struggling but trying to do their best.

On a purely practical level, it makes sense for Hawaii to offer its own driver's licenses. We do not have highways to join us with other states. Thus, drivers rarely would need to use this license across state lines. For those who travel to the Mainland, they will need to apply for a federally-recognized license anyway to gain entry on an airplane.

Thank you for considering this testimony as you decide how you will vote on this bill.

Sincerely,

Natalie Nimmer
Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights (HCIR)
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| Wayne | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha mai e Chair Aquino, Vice Chair LoPresti, and members of the House Committee on Transportation: This measure has been carefully crafted to ensure minimal administrative costs and no loss in federal REAL ID Act funding. Moreover, this bill will provide significant convenience to residents, who may now obtain drivers licenses and auto insurance, as well as state proof of I.D., without scrounging around for the current required documents under the REAL ID Act (birth certificates, social security cards, etc.). There will be no changes to the processes for obtaining regular licenses that comply with the REAL ID Act's stringent requirements, and these licenses will still remain good for interstate travel purposes. This is a more than reasonable and well-considered compromise measure that has no credible argument against enacting it. Please carefully consider this measure and allow it to move forward in the legislative process. me ka ha'a ha'a, Wayne Tanaka Honolulu, HI 96825

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Aloha, House Transportation Committee:

When I was 17 years old, my father and I were involved in a four-car accident on the I-5 freeway in San Diego. Right when we were about to exit, a car in the fast lane swerved through all four lanes, hitting a car in each lane. Ours was the last car he hit, damaging the drivers side of our car pretty badly. Miraculously, no one was hurt in this pileup.

It turned out that the driver of the car that hit all of us was a 17 year old undocumented immigrant, who had no drivers license and no insurance. We were lucky that we had uninsured motorist insurance, but I can't say the same for the others involved in the accident.

I sympathized for this young driver because I too was once an undocumented immigrant. I just became a naturalized citizen a year before the incident. Had I not been lucky enough to have a pathway toward citizenship, I likely would have done the same thing that this young man did. I was finishing up my senior year of college, and I was working 20 hours a week at the local mall. I needed a car to get to school and work. Had I not gotten my citizenship and my driver's license, I likely would have made the choice to drive without a license.

In 2013 - nine years after this incident - Governor Jerry Brown signed a law that would allow undocumented immigrants in California to get a license. California is now one of 12 states that allows people to get a drivers license without having to show proof of authoritative presence or a Social Security number. I hope Hawaii will be the 13th.

HB 1007 would keep the roads safe for everyone. It would support our economy by allowing people to safely and legally drive to and from work. I urge this committee to please support **HB 1007** for a better Hawai'i.

Warm regards,
Paola Rodelas
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Paola Rodelas
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From: Ruochen Richard Li

I strongly support this bill because:

- 1) It improves public safety;
- 2) It improves the economy;
- 3) It is very sensible given the environment of our state.

Public safety – Due to the necessity of driving, many individuals who are currently unlicensed are likely still driving. Because they do not have licenses, they also do not possess insurance, their cars have not been inspected, nor have their own skills and eyesight. These gaps in regulation create a hazardous environment for everyone. Providing licenses to these individuals would ameliorate these hazards.

Economy – More licenses leads to greater productivity. Individuals can commute to work more quickly, thus spending more time being productive at work instead of on the roads. Newly licensed drivers will also be able to purchase insurance and purchase vehicles, financially contributing to those sectors in the process.

State environment – Compared to the rest of the nation, Hawai'i is overrepresented in several demographic groups that stand to directly benefit from this bill. We have a large elderly population, who are more likely to have lost their paperwork. We are more vulnerable to natural disasters, such as hurricanes, floods, and lava, which can destroy personal paperwork or separate citizens from their paperwork. We also have the largest population of individuals from the Freely Associated States, who are unable to apply for licenses upon arrival.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for reading this testimony.

Sincerely,

Richard

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| michael sumitani | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I support HB1009. I believe vehicles over 25 years hold significant history to a lot of individuals. Many cars from our past may not have been "important" in its day although through time became part of a culture. Creating situations where these cars could have been lost forever would be a shame. It also represents our growth in technology. Again I support HB1009. Thank you Mike

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