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S.B. 660
RELATING TO STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

House Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill.

This bill creates a non-compliant identification card for individuals that are unable to provide a photograph and documentation in person as required by the REAL ID Act.

To obtain a compliant identification card, the REAL ID Act of 2005 requires all applicants to appear in-person. Severely disabled persons who may be “homebound” require an identification card when conducting various transactions with such entities as financial institutions, health providers, hospitals, government agencies, etc., and do not need an identification card as an accepted domestic travel document or to enter specific federal facilities.

The application requirement of the REAL ID Act of 2005 for an in-person appearance to capture the applicant’s photograph and the presentation of required documentation renders the homebound individuals with severe disabilities incapable of obtaining an identification card, thus creating difficulties, if not impossibilities, in conducting transactions requiring their identification. A non-compliant identification card that requires the same documentation, but allows a non-in-person application would greatly help these individuals. Allowing the director of transportation authority to develop Administrative Rules that permit the examiner of drivers to accept a non-in-person application and document submission from an applicant’s representative who has “power-of-attorney” or other legal authority to represent the applicant who is not able to apply in-person will allow the homebound applicant to obtain a non-compliant identification card.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senate Bill 660 – Relating to Civil Identification Cards

The Disability and Communication Access Board strongly supports Senate Bill 660 which creates a non-compliant state identification card for individuals that are not able to provide an updated photograph and documentation in-person as required by the REAL ID Act of 2005.

Our office has received numerous calls from elderly and disabled people who cannot leave their homes, and need a government issued identification card in order to have their caregiver pick up medications or assist with banking for the elderly or individuals with disabilities. They can no longer obtain an identification card from the City and County of Honolulu because of the REAL ID Act of 2005. The City has stopped renewing civil identification cards by mail. Without this service, the individual cannot refill medications or conduct banking.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), State and local governments can modify policies to offer the service to an individual. Our office has been working with the City to do this, however, the City feels the the policy cannot be modified because the REAL ID Act "overrides" the ADA. There are other federal laws that work in conjunction with the ADA, and our office has contacted the U.S. Department of Justice for their technical assistance. These individuals do not need a REAL ID card, because being homebound, it is not likely that they will need to travel anywhere outside the state.

In the meantime, these citizens need an alternative, so they may obtain other services necessary to their daily survival.

We strongly urge that you move this bill forward as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

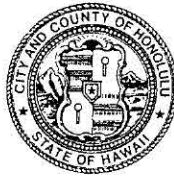
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TESTIMONY OF SHERI T. KAJIWARA, DIRECTOR
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
Monday, March 11, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325

SENATE BILL 660, "RELATING TO State Identification Cards"

TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Customer Services (CSD) of the City & County of Honolulu supports Senate Bill 660.

The Federal Real ID act requires an individual to present in person the first time that they are establishing compliancy for a federally recognized card. This does not allow the city, nor the counties, to continue the practice of permitting third-party renewals on a person's behalf.

Currently, there is no option available for obtaining a non-compliant credential other than a state of Hawaii Limited Purpose Driver License, which the legislature made available in 2016. However, this option requires that the incapacitated individual complete and pass a road test. In reality, this is not an option.

Establishing a non-compliant ID card will remedy a situation where a person with extreme disabilities is unable to obtain a compliant card. It is important to note, however, that a non-compliant card is not recognized for federal purposes. Similar to limited purpose driver licenses, the cards may not be accepted by federally insured financial institutions or be recognized as qualifying an individual for federal programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

I also note that although the bill itself is vague on who this change is meant to benefit - specifically anyone who is unable to present in person - it does allow for rules of implementation to be adopted by the Department of Transportation Director. It is crucial for the city and counties to follow the determinations of the state in order to establish consistency and uniformity in practice across the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey our concerns regarding S.B. No. 660.

SB-660

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Testimony for JUD on 3/11/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

SB-660

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose SB660. There is no reason in this day and age with cameras on phones and the ability to send the photo from the phone through the internet. I have read all the statistics and most people have smart phones these days. In the rare instance that someone isn't able to send in a photo, someone from government should be dispatched to the living space to take the picture. We shouldn't create a new type of identification to resolve a non-problem.

Vote NO on SB 660.

SB-660

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

A picture Id should always be required for every thing especialy Voting. This Id needs to be Crtifed buy the State of Hawaii.