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**S. B. 2107**  
**RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY**

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** S.B. 2107 which specifies that the driver's license of a civilian employee or civilian contractor of the United States Department of Defense that expires while the employee or contractor is stationed outside the United States remains valid for ninety days after the employee or contractor returns to the United States.

The current statute being proposed for amendment, §286-106.5, HRS, was enacted to assist our active duty military personnel and their dependents. The DOT does not feel that a courtesy grace period to extend the driver's license expiration date should be extended to any special group outside of our active duty military service personnel and their dependents as licenses can be renewed by mail.

All driver's license holders already have the option to renew their driver's license by mail. There are a few restrictions if the person is attempting to renew a REAL ID compliant driver's license, but any processing restriction can be removed by renewing the license as a limited purpose driver's license. All Hawaii counties already allow the renewal by mail. Although a REAL ID compliant driver's license is needed to pass the security screening at airports or to enter federal facilities, the US Department of Defense (DoD) contractor will have a DoD identification card that allows the individual the same access rights as a REAL ID driver's license for travel purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.