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**S.B. 1210**  
**RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS**  
Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** S.B. 1210, which expands the authority of the Director of Transportation over required motor carrier vehicle inspections. Authorizes the Director of Transportation to upgrade the motor carrier vehicle safety inspection program in the State by authorizing changes to the program pursuant to the amendment of administrative rules.

There is a need to upgrade the methods and procedures of the motor carrier vehicle safety inspection program such as transitioning the current paper-based inspection program to an electronic program.

The Motor Carrier Safety Staff is charged with the oversight of the DOT safety inspection of motor carrier vehicles program. The oversight responsibility for this program is a portion of the overall responsibilities of the motor carrier safety staff operations. Because the DOT safety inspection for motor carrier vehicles program is a paper-based program, officers must conduct audits of this program in the field, which is time consuming and a waste of natural resources.

Records indicate that on Oahu during the calendar years of 2016 to 2019, there were a total of 44 violations that included the improper completion of DOT inspection certificates, non-certified inspectors conducting inspections, inspections conducted without receiving proper documents and inspections conducted at non-certified locations.

Transitioning to an electronic program from a paper-based program would eliminate such violations from occurring, thus resulting in proper inspections that enhance safer motor carrier vehicles on Hawaii's roads.

Amending the administrative rules is a more efficient means of making program changes while allowing for input from the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.