
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§286- Driver's license reciprocity committee. (a) The
5 director shall establish a statewide driver's license
6 reciprocity committee consisting of one representative from the
7 department of transportation and the chief examiner of drivers
8 of each county, or their designees. The committee shall convene
9 whenever a foreign country makes a request for driver's license
10 reciprocity.

11 (b) The statewide driver's license reciprocity committee
12 shall evaluate the written knowledge and practical examination
13 program of the foreign country requesting driver's license
14 reciprocity.

15 (c) Members of the statewide driver's license reciprocity
16 committee shall serve voluntarily and without compensation, but
17 shall be paid reasonable allowances for travel and expenses that
18 may be incurred as a result of the performance of their duties



1 on the committee. The costs shall be paid by the department of
2 transportation.

3 (d) In the event that there is available from the
4 requesting foreign country an evaluation of that country's
5 driver's license requirements prepared by another United States
6 driver licensing agency or the American Association of Motor
7 Vehicle Administrators, the statewide driver's license
8 reciprocity committee shall conduct a comparison review of the
9 evaluation and the State's driver licensing examination
10 standards and submit a written recommendation to the legislature
11 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
12 legislative session immediately subsequent to the review.

13 (e) If there is no such evaluation available from the
14 requesting foreign country, the director may select from the
15 statewide driver's license reciprocity committee the
16 representative from the department of transportation and a
17 county examiner of drivers representative to travel to the
18 requesting foreign country, at the expense of the requesting
19 foreign country, to inspect and examine the foreign country's
20 driver's license examination program and advise the committee of
21 their findings. The committee shall review the findings and
22 submit a written recommendation to the legislature on whether



1 the foreign country's driver's license examination standards
2 correspond to Hawaii's driver's license examination standards no
3 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
4 legislative session immediately subsequent to the travel and
5 evaluation by the driver's license reciprocity committee.

6 (f) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
7 necessary for the purposes of this section."

8 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

Driver's License; Foreign Countries; Reciprocity

Description:

Directs the director of transportation to select a statewide driver's license reciprocity committee to evaluate foreign countries' requests for driver's license reciprocity to ensure the standards of the foreign countries' driver's license testing is equivalent to those of Hawaii. (SD2)

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