

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 10, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 273  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 273, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit the examiner of drivers to accept a sworn statement from a member of a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of the clergy, correctional institution staff, or a treating medical or other health professional as documentary evidence of a homeless person's address; and
- (2) Establish a working group to conduct research and develop a plan to enable individuals in the State, who are unable to produce proper identification, to obtain identification certification.

The Hawaii Youth Services Network and many concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. Hawaiian Hope, Inc., IMUAlliance, The Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery, PHOCUSED, and many concerned individuals testified in support and recommended amendments. The Department of Transportation supported the intent of this measure. The City and County of Honolulu Department of Customer Services supported the intent of



this measure and provided comments. One concerned individual testified in opposition.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:

- (1) Require the examiner of drivers to accept the documentation specified in this measure as evidence of the person's address;
- (2) Specify that the homeless verification letters provided by homeless service providers shall be accepted as documentary evidence of the person's address;
- (3) Require the Director of Transportation to adopt rules that require the examiner of drivers to waive all fees for the issuance of an identification card for qualified homeless individuals;
- (4) Clarify the purpose of the working group is to develop a plan to enable individuals to obtain the documentary evidence that is necessary to obtain a state civil identification card;
- (5) Increase the size of working group to include representation from the counties' Examiner of Drivers and the homeless service providers operating in each county;
- (6) Delete the exemption from compliance with Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for working group members; and
- (7) Make this measure take effect upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 273, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 273, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,

*Karl Rhoads*

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KARL RHOADS, Chair



