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S.B. 2693
RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **opposes** S.B. 2693, because it is not necessary as 19-133.2, Hawaii Administrative Rules, gives the director the authority perform the responsibilities included in this bill.

We oppose the proposal in paragraph (6) of Section 1, because we believe that imposing fines is an inequitable method of penalizing inappropriate inspector behavior. To illustrate, suppose inspector A does 15 inspections per month and makes \$20 per inspection. His monthly income is \$300 per month. Inspector B does 150 inspections per month. His monthly income is \$3,000 per month. If the fine for an infraction is \$300, it will hurt inspector A much more than inspector B. If you use suspensions as the penalty, all inspectors will experience relatively the same discomfort.

Subsection (b) of Section 1 proposes a two-year validity period for inspector certificates. The current certificates are valid for four years. Reducing the period will result in 50% more administrative work, which will decrease the man-hours available for monitoring station activities. It will also be an unnecessary burden for the inspectors.

Subsection (c) of Section 1 proposes the elimination of the practical test when an inspector renews certification. The current administrative rules require the inspector to take both a knowledge and practical test for a renewal. The testing for renewal is the same as the testing for initial certification. It is important for inspectors to be able to demonstrate that they know how to do a proper inspection, not only during the certification process, but also when they are being monitored by the County officers. Some inspectors have reportedly left parts of the inspection out to reduce the time required for the inspection. Items that have been left out include the wheel bearing test, because it requires jacking up a front wheel. The headlamp aim is also left out, because it takes time to set up the headlamp test unit. So instead of testing the aim, inspectors will save time by simply checking to see if the bulbs work. After an inspector makes a habit of making abbreviated inspections, doing a correct inspection can sometimes be a challenge.

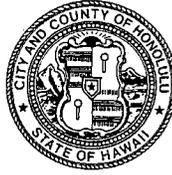
The PMVI officers can't monitor every inspection each inspector does, but they can at least make sure inspectors know how to do one correctly before renewing certification and during monitors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation
The State Senate
State Capitol, Conference Room 225
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Dear Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

SUBJECT: S.B. No. 2693
Relating to Vehicle Inspections

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD) is **opposed to S.B. No. 2693.**

This measure proposes to codify certain certification, renewal, and violation processes of vehicle inspectors who conduct vehicle inspections under the State Department of Transportation (DOT). CSD is delegated by DOT to administer the Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection Program and monitor the inspection stations throughout the island of Oahu.

CSD is opposed to this measure for the following reasons:

1. Issuance of fines to the inspectors – CSD believes the issuance of fines to the inspector will not be an effective way to change poor behavior. A suspension after three violations would be better served rather than collecting a monetary fine.
2. Inspector certificates reduced from four to two years – CSD believes that this is unnecessary, as the current certificate period is sufficient to adequately administer and conduct an effective program.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **opposition of S.B. No. 2693.**

SB-2693

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Testimony for TRS on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marine Patao	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Gentlemen:

I will be present at this hearing to offer testimony in support of SB2693.

I truly believe that the 2 year revision will definitely serve all purposes for the state, county and individual businesses involved in safety inspections.

Sincerely,

Marine Patao

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