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**H.B. 1089 H.D.1  
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

**House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**

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The Department of Transportation **opposes** H.B. 1089 H.D.1. The objective of the inspection program is to keep the number of defects in the vehicle population at a minimum with the expectation that this will help keep the number of crashes and breakdowns caused by defects to a minimum.

In 1988 Congress had the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) study state inspection programs to determine whether they improve highway safety. NHTSA's 1989 report concluded that Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection (PMVI) programs reduce the number of poorly maintained vehicles on the highways, but that available data did not conclusively demonstrate that PMVI programs significantly reduced crash rates. However, the General Accounting Office (GAO) reviewed the NHTSA study and concluded in 1990 that "when all the studies and analyses are considered together, even taking into account their individual limitations, their relative consistency justifies a conclusion that periodic inspection programs reduce accident rates." Moreover, the inspection program produces vehicle defect data that allows an intuitive conclusion that the program makes a contribution toward improving highway safety.

Each year thousands of defects are identified and corrected via the PMVI program. Examples of defects detected in Calendar Year 2014 that would not have been corrected if we did not have the yearly inspection program are 8,886 insurance violations; 106,407 expired registrations; 9,520 defective tires; 5,026 defective stop lamps and 2,921 headlamps.

Requiring motorist to submit to a motor vehicle inspection once every two years would allow those motorists, who do not take the maintenance of their vehicle seriously, to allow their vehicles to go unchecked for the entire two-year period in between the motor vehicle inspections. These defects, based on the model year of the vehicle, if left unchecked for a two year period, could potentially place vehicles that are unsafe on our

roads. The accompanying table provides the total number of defects for two year periods of the current annual PMVI program.

Model Year of Vehicle	TOTAL	Registration	Insurance	Tires	Wipers	Stop Lamps	Head Lamps
2013/2014	15,230	12,986	802	123	27	28	41
2011/2012	26,396	20,236	1,957	1,181	217	162	153
2009/2010	19,449	13,115	1,497	1,454	371	294	195
2007/2008	26,693	18,807	2,199	1,961	566	693	411

Hawaii nudges the owners to maintain the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards by making most of them a part of the motor vehicle inspection program. Since no one ever expects to be in a crash, motivating people to take preventive action is often difficult, especially when taking the action costs money.

Based on the defects identified and corrected, the annual PMVI program seems to be helping many people keep their vehicles in a reasonably safe condition.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**HB1089**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul Hanada	Aloha Shell Service	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not allow HB1089 to move forward. We believe this bill is NOT in the best interest for the safety and well being of the people of Hawaii. Thank you. Paul Hanada owner Aloha Shell Service, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

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**LATE**

February, 21 2015

Dear Honorable Chairman McKelvey and Vice Chairman Woodson of the CPC committee,

HB1089 Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection change (PMVI) program to two years for all vehicles.

I oppose to changing the PMVI program to 24 months instead of the current 12 months inspection period.

This is not benefiting the people of Hawaii. Unsafe vehicles will be driving unsafe and will bring danger to me, my loved ones and the people of Hawaii. I've failed many unsafe vehicles in my years of being an inspector. I feel like I have saved an innocent persons life after I fail an unsafe vehicle. By changing the PMVI to 24 months, it will let all these unsafe vehicles drive around on our streets of Hawaii an extra 12 months before being issued a fail inspection. Please leave it at 12 months.

Changing the law will only be for their own benefit and not for the people of the State of Hawaii.

Don't allow HB1089 to move forward.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey Voelker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Honorable Chairman and Vice President of the CPC Committee, we oppose the change to the Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection program to two years for all vehicles. This change will increase the unsafe vehicles and drivers on Maui roads. Our automotive shop has been in business for 6 years now and service the community not only by doing their safety inspections, but we also bring their attention to minor and major faults on their vehicles that they were unaware of. We also review the required documentation for vehicles, such as registration and insurance cards. We believe our inspections help discourage uninsured drivers from driving on Maui roads, and using fraudulent insurance cards. Changing the PMVI program will also negatively impact our revenue, along with other automotive shops on Maui. Please do not allow HB1089 to pass. Thank you, Jeffrey Voelker Owner All Star Garage, LLC

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William Throckmorton	Kaanapali Car Care	Oppose	No

Comments: Once again you are contemplating a bad move. Before you pass a bad bill you need to come out to an inspection station and see the kind of vehicles that are being inspected. The only line of defense against bald tires, bad brakes, no insurance, and many other dangerous conditions is the safety inspector. Many drivers don't even know their brakes or bad or they have lights that don't work until we tell them or until they have a blowout or an accident. An alarming number of car owners are simply irresponsible or financially challenged and will not repair their vehicles until the are forced to do so. Allowing this minority to stay on the road for an additional year would be dangerous for the rest of us and negligent on the part of our legislators to pass such a bill. Our police are already short staffed and over worked and do not have the time or the expertise to be safety inspectors. Please do not put the rest of us in harms way by passing this bill.

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