

TESTIMONY OF ALISON UEOKA

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 25, 2021
1:00 p.m.

HB 264, HD1

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee on Finance, my name is Alison Ueoka, President of the Hawaii Insurers Council. The Hawaii Insurers Council is a non-profit trade association of property and casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in Hawaii. Member companies underwrite approximately forty percent of all property and casualty insurance premiums in the state.

Hawaii Insurers Council **supports** this bill. When Transportation Network Companies entered Hawaii, a concern of ours and the Legislature was to make sure that they were properly insured and that the personal motor vehicle insurance policy would not be primary for that business venture. As a result, Act 236 was enacted in 2016 with insurance provisions and a sunset date of September 1, 2021.

Since Act 236 became law five years ago, Hawaii Insurers Council believes the law is working as intended and supports this bill which would make the insurance provisions for Transportation Network Companies permanent.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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RE: HB 264, HD-1, Relating to TNC Insurance - NAMIC's Testimony in Support

Thank you for providing the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) an opportunity to submit written testimony to your committee for the February 25, 2021 public hearing. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the public hearing, because of a previously scheduled professional obligation. NAMIC's written comments need not be read into the record, so long as they are referenced as a formal submission and are provided to the committee for consideration.

The National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies is the largest property/casualty insurance trade group with a diverse membership of more than 1,400 local, regional, and national member companies, including seven of the top 10 property/casualty insurers in the United States. NAMIC members lead the personal lines sector representing 66 percent of the homeowner's insurance market and 53 percent of the auto market. NAMIC has 84 members who write property/casualty in the State of Hawaii, which represents 28% of the insurance marketplace.

NAMIC supports the proposed legislation, because it would make the insurance requirements previously enacted by the legislature for the protection of transportation network drivers, passengers and the general public a permanent financial obligation for those engaged in ride-sharing activities. NAMIC supports this insurance requirement, because it promotes financial responsibility and is in the best interest of all motorists and pedestrians in the State of Hawaii.

For the aforementioned reasons, NAMIC respectfully requests that you VOTE YES on HB 264, HD-1.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me at 303.907.0587 or at crataj@namic.org, if you would like to discuss NAMIC's written testimony.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christian John Rataj". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christian" being the most prominent.

Christian John Rataj, Esq.
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To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Ty Cullen, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

From: Mark Sektnan, Vice President

Re: **HB 264 HD1 - Relating to Transportation Network Companies**
APCIA Position: SUPPORT

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021
1:00 p.m., Conference Room 308

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The American Property Casualty Insurance Association of America (APCIA) is pleased to **support** HB 264 HD1, which makes permanent insurance requirements for transportation network companies and transportation network company drivers. Representing nearly 60 percent of the U.S. property casualty insurance market, the American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA) promotes and protects the viability of private competition for the benefit of consumers and insurers. APCIA represents the broadest cross-section of home, auto, and business insurers of any national trade association. APCIA members represent all sizes, structures, and regions, which protect families, communities, and businesses in the U.S. and across the globe.

Several years ago, the Hawaii Legislature passed legislation to establish insurance requirements for transportation network companies to protect their drivers and passengers. This was an important step because the personal auto policy carried by the drivers did not provide coverage for this commercial activity. HB 264 HD1 makes these requirements permanent.

For these reasons, APCIA asks the committee to **pass** HB 264 HD1.



February 25, 2021

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON HB 264 HD1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES**

Aloha Chair Luke, and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 375 members involved with the commercial ground transportation industry.

HTA supports this bill. The critical nature of transporting passengers warrants a regulatory structure to ensure driver safety and qualification regardless of mode, business structure, or label. Proper levels of insurance is a cornerstone of the safety structure.

All other modes and businesses have insurance requirements enforced by the Public Utilities Commission, State Motor Vehicle Safety Office, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations or the respective counties they operate in.

We believe this is the only legislation related to TNCs that needs to be considered during this legislative session. HTA does oppose HB 699, another measure presented for your consideration during this session. HB 699 would also make the provisions of Act 236 permanent but contains other elements HTA opposes.

Mahalo.