

## TESTIMONY OF ALISON UEOKA

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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 18, 2021  
3:00 p.m.

### **HB 264, HD1**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee on Transportation, 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.

**TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU ON BEHALF OF UBER TECHNOLOGIES IN  
SUPPORT OF H.B. NO. 264, HD 1**

March 18, 2021

To: Chairman Chris Lee and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am presenting this testimony on behalf of Uber Technologies (“Uber”) in support of H.B. No. 264, HD 1, Relating to Transportation Network Companies.

Uber is a Transportation Network Company that has been operating in Hawaii for several years. Uber supported the insurance bill that was passed in 2016 and signed as Act 236. It supports making the provisions of Act 236 permanent as provided in this bill.

Also, in another bill, SB 251, SD 2, where Uber is seeking statewide regulation, it has suggested that a provision to make the insurance provision of Act 236 permanent be included and is also part of that bill.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.



To: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation

From: Mark Sektnan, Vice President

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

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021  
3:00 p.m., Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, 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.

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF TRACI LEE OF LYFT  
HB 264 HD1 - Relating to Transportation Network Companies  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
March 18, 2021 3 PM in conference room 224**

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Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

My name is Traci Lee, and I am Director of Public Policy for Lyft, responsible for Lyft's policy and government relations in Hawaii. **Lyft supports House Bill 264 HD1**, which makes permanent a statewide insurance framework for transportation network companies ("TNCs") that will allow ridesharing services to continue operating throughout the state.

In Oahu, Lyft has been operating since June 2014, and on Big Island, Maui, and Kauai since March 2017. Lyft's availability enhances transportation options for locals and tourists alike as we operate at airports and harbors across the four islands. Currently, 49 states across the country, including Hawaii, have passed some form of statewide insurance legislation as it pertains to ridesharing, like HB 264 HD1. Lyft continues to support the existing uniform insurance framework by making it permanent through HB 264 HD1.

Thank you for your consideration.