

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2841**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 16 2012**

RE: H.B. No. 2608  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and International Affairs and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2608, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Director of Transportation to establish a statewide driver's license reciprocity committee to evaluate foreign countries' requests for driver's license reciprocity to ensure the standards of the foreign countries' driver's license testing are equivalent to those of Hawaii.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and City and County of Honolulu Department of Customer Services.

According to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, individuals and families have become increasingly mobile in recent times and many have chosen to temporarily or permanently reside in a country other than their "home" country. The reasons for these moves are varied, including business transfers and relocations. As a result, individuals often need to obtain a driver's license in their new place of residence even though they are licensed in the previous place of residence. Your Committees find that questions of whether a written and road test



are necessary when a licensed driver changes residency to another country need to be addressed.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2012; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and International Affairs and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2608, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2608, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Transportation  
and International Affairs and  
Public Safety, Government  
Operations, and Military  
Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair





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**Record of Votes**  
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**Military Affairs**  
**PGM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2608, HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TIA/PGM, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3-12-12</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓	✓ <i>WR</i>		
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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