



***The Judiciary, State of Hawaii***

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State Capitol, Conference Room 224

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 495, Relating to Insurance.

**Purpose:** Implements the recommendations of the insurance verification working group. Establishes working group to assist in development of request for proposals and vendor selection for motor vehicle insurance verification program. Establishes special fund to develop and operate motor vehicle insurance verification program. Increases annual motor vehicle registration fee. Removes duplicative and unnecessary requirements for insurance identification cards and safety inspection requirements. Removes judges' discretionary authority to suspend a fine for failure to have insurance if a defendant later obtains insurance. Requires that a portion of fines be deposited into special fund. Sunset 06/30/2020.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 495, Relating to Insurance. Passage of this bill would establish a working group and funding to develop an insurance verification program.



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The Judiciary was not part of original insurance verification group that was established by the 2012 Legislature by Senate Concurrent Resolution 97. However, the Judiciary participated in the eight public meetings, initially as a guest and was subsequently voted in as a member by the working group.

The Judiciary supports the intent of this measure and will be pleased to participate and further assist in the mission and objectives of the working group.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.