

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
To: Budget Committee Members

July 19, 2016

I support Bill 36 CD2 , subject to amendments to correct "Inequities, Unfairness, and for Equal Protections".

Since the purpose of this Bill 36 CD2 is "to establish regulations applicable to private transportation services drivers" and "to ensure the health and well-being of their passengers and that the drivers operate in a safe manner".

Therefore, I believe that the proposed amendments to Bill 36 CD1 do not fully address the problems that are inherent with most of the amendments and that the City Council should use this opportunity to wield their authority and establish regulations that truly protect the consumers. Few of the questionable amendments are:

1.) The Database of the TNC drivers and the companies they represent must include basic information that will allow the consumers to contact a Honolulu entity, if a complaint or question arises. The office of the DCS should have up-dated and current records of "all" drivers (Part-time and Full time). Although the "Companies" of the drivers that are considered "Independent Contractors" can not treat them as employees, they still must have the basic information of each driver on file as public record.

2.) There are gaps and problems regarding the determination of the Medical condition of a driver "that would put a passenger at risk". Without an annual Medical examination, who would make that legal determination as to the driver's medical condition - the "Company"? a City Council appointed Doctor? a letter from the driver?

There are many other legal and moral standards that must be addressed to truly protect and inform the consumers (visitor, residents, and others) regarding passenger safety for all TNCs and Independent Taxi drivers.

Thank You and respectfully submitted on this date:

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