

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 8, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1825

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1825 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote fairness to consumers and remove impediments to commerce dealing with used vehicles by:

- (1) Ensuring that traffic infractions, in addition to any fees incurred for failure to pay the citations, remain the responsibility of the person who owned the vehicle at the time the citation was issued; and
- (2) Permitting the driver's license of the person who was the registered owner at the time the citation was issued to be restricted until outstanding assessments are paid.

The Hawaii Automobile Dealers' Association testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:


- (1) Clarifying that the person who owned the vehicle at the time the citation was issued remains responsible for the traffic infraction and any associated fees, even if the vehicle is repossessed by a lien holder noted on the vehicle's certificate of title; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1825, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1825, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,

  
for SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



