

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2217

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2217 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to control noise emitted by backup warning devices during late night and early morning hours. Specifically, this bill provides an option to turn off the audible reverse warning system on vehicles between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., provided the vehicle is guided by a person other than the driver.

The Honolulu Police Department testified in support of this bill.

Although backup warning devices are designed to warn pedestrians and others behind a vehicle that the vehicle is reversing, noise emitted from these devices has become a nuisance in certain areas. Your Committee finds that if an individual is directing the driver of a vehicle as the vehicle is reversing, a backup warning device is unnecessary.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2217 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.



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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



