

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2504

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. 2504 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEFINITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to conform statutory language regarding neighborhood electric vehicles to federal standards.


The Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu testified in support of this bill.

In October 2005, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the United States Department of Transportation amended its definition of a neighborhood electric vehicle class to include trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of less than 2,500 pounds. Your Committee finds that current Hawaii law includes vehicles with a GVWR of less than 1,800 pounds in the neighborhood electric vehicle class. This measure conforms Hawaii's law to federal standards.

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. 2504 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,

  
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JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



