

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 10, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2655

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. 2655 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance traffic safety by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Teams (MAITs) to conduct expeditious investigations of serious accidents on major roadways; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for the establishment of MAITs.

The Representative of the 42nd District and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. DOT supported the intent of this measure. The Honolulu Police Department testified in opposition to this bill.

On-site investigations of accident scenes and their resultant lane closures cause numerous problems for commuters, including secondary accidents and traffic delays. Recent traffic incidents have caused delays lasting from between two to eight hours. Your Committee finds that MAITs are used in many other cities of comparable size across the country and that through the use of these teams, as well as photogrammetric computer systems, accident



scene investigation times showed a significant reduction, providing quicker relief to commuters.

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. 2655 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

