

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3037

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. 3037 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the Graduated Drivers' Licensing Program by:

- (1) Providing notification to the driver's license examiner of all minors who have pending violations or proceedings that might result in the suspension or revocation of a provisional license, and any pending adjudication of an offense relating to the operation of a motor vehicle; and
- (2) Changing the term "conviction" to "adjudication" for violations of the law involving minors.

The Department of Transportation, Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department, and MADD-Hawaii testified in support of this bill.

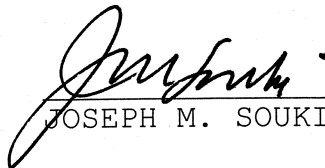
Your Committee finds that legislation to increase driving restrictions on younger drivers nationwide has significantly reduced the number of traffic crashes involving teen drivers. Act 72, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, established a graduated drivers' licensing system to provide drivers in the younger age group time to develop the skills necessary for safe driving under various



conditions. However, while Act 72 requires that no pending proceedings or violations that might result in the suspension or revocation of an instruction permit in order to obtain a provisional license exist, this information is currently not released to a driver's license examiner from the family or district court in cases involving minors. This lack of information has resulted in the issuance of provisional licenses to individuals who have traffic infractions or pending proceedings against them. This is counterproductive to the provisional licensing law.

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. 3037 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



