

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2050

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 S.B. No. 2050 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. Specifically, this measure amends the definition of "Neighborhood electric vehicle" by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that the vehicle be designed to carry four or fewer persons;
- (2) Clarifying that the vehicle has four wheels in contact with the ground; and
- (3) Specifying that the vehicle has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of less than 2,500 pounds.

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 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 S.B. No. 2050 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



