

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2456
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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. 2456, S.D. 1, 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 and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Transportation supported the intent of the measure. The Hawaii Transportation Association submitted comments.

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. This problem is especially acute in the Ala Moana and Waikiki 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.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that a rule be developed to specify the time period that manually disengaged audible reverse warning devices remain off and are automatically re-engaged;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2007; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2456, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2456, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



