

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1825
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1825, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the motor vehicle owner is responsible for paying parking citations and clarifies that unpaid parking citations do not prevent the transfer of registration or ownership.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department and the Hawaii Automobile Dealers' Association. The Judiciary submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that under current law, a parking violation is attached to the vehicle and not the vehicle's owner, which prevents registration and transfer of ownership to a new owner until all fines are paid. This situation has held up many vehicle transfers and has sometimes put an unjust burden on a new owner or the automobile dealer who, in order to be able to register the vehicle and transfer ownership, has been forced to pay fines for a parking violation committed by the previous owner.

Your Committee has amended this measure to insert an effective date of January 1, 2007 based upon the recommendation of the Judiciary.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1825, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1825, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Hawaiian Affairs,



COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



