

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr: 126, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 862  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 862, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to improve public safety on Hawaii's roadways by creating severe penalties for those who drive at excessive speeds. Among other things, this bill:

- (1) Creates a criminal offense for excessive speeding;
- (2) Defines "excessive speeding" as exceeding the speed limit by 25 miles per hour or more or driving 80 miles per hour or more irrespective of the speed limit; and
- (3) Provides for graduated sentencing for excessive speeding violations, including driver's license suspension or



revocation, mandatory driver retraining, fines, assessments, community service, and imprisonment.

Your Committee on Conference finds that numerous community concerns have been raised regarding drivers who operate their vehicles at unsafe speeds and endanger the lives of fellow motorists and pedestrians. This measure addresses these concerns.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

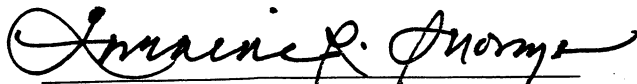
- (1) Increasing the lower parameter by which an individual driving a vehicle exceeds the applicable speed limit before being guilty of "excessive speeding" from 25 miles-per-hour to 30 miles-per-hour over the applicable speed limit;
- (2) Changing the effective date from July 1, 2050, to January 1, 2007; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 862, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 862, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.


Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair

  
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