

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2050

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations,
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 measure is to clarify the definition of
"neighborhood electric vehicle" regarding the number of passengers
and gross vehicle weight.

This measure would:

- (1) Delete the reference to four or fewer passengers;
- (2) Clarify the requirement relating to number of wheels;
and
- (2) Replace the reference to unladen weight of less than
1,800 pounds with a reference to a gross vehicle weight
rating of less than 2,500 pounds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Honolulu Department of Customer Services.

The term "neighborhood electric vehicle," which is a vehicle
designed to be operated at not more than twenty-five miles per
hour, is used in section 286-41(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, in
connection with a special requirement for registration of those
vehicles. A display of operational restrictions in clear view of



the driver must be permanently attached to or printed on the vehicles.

Your Committee finds that this measure is necessary to conform the terminology to federal regulations of the National Highway Traffic Administration.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations 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 placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Government Operations,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



