

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1581

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 29, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1509  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 1509, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve traffic management by allowing the Director of Transportation (Director) to establish minimum occupancy requirements for vehicles using high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes.

The Department of Transportation testified in support of this bill.

HOV lanes were initially established to encourage ridesharing among motorists, thereby reducing congestion on Hawaii's roadways. Hawaii law currently allows vehicles carrying two or more persons to use HOV lanes. This situation does not allow adjustments to be made to meet traffic demands and traffic volume. Your Committee finds that providing the Director with the flexibility to adjust the occupancy requirements of HOV lanes will improve traffic management of our roadways.

SB1509 HD1 HSCR TRN HMS 2007-3309



Your Committee has amended this bill by changing its effective date to July 1, 2007.

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. 1509, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1509, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



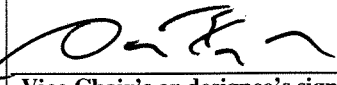
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JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <div style="text-align: center;">SB 1509 SD 1 (SSCR634)</div>		<b>Date:</b> <div style="text-align: center;">MARCH 21, 2007</div>		
<b>Committee Referral:</b> <div style="text-align: center;">TRN</div>		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended  <input type="checkbox"/> Hold         </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments  <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration         </div> </div>				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. EVANS, Cindy	/			
4. HAR, Sharon E.				/
5. LEE, Marilyn B.				/
6. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				/
8. NAKASONE, Bob	/			
9. SONSON, Alex M.	/			
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	/			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose				/
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	8			5
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted  <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.  <small>committee acronym(s)</small></p>				
<div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive; margin-bottom: 5px;">  </div> <b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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