

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1428

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1528  
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. 1528 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify that all traffic infractions subject to the penalty provisions under the statewide traffic code shall be treated as civil traffic violations rather than criminal offenses.

The Judiciary testified in support of this bill.

In 1993, the Legislature decriminalized less serious traffic offenses, treating these offenses as civil matters in an effort to expeditiously adjudicate these cases. However, the default penalty section of the statewide traffic code continues to use the term "conviction" which is only possible in criminal cases. Clarifying that traffic infractions are civil cases will be consistent with the legislative intent in decriminalizing traffic violations.

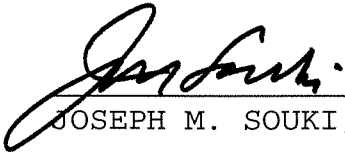
Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

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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. 1528, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1528, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



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JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



