

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1287
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,
to which was referred S.B. No. 1287 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the requirement that motor carrier vehicles that include the trailers and pole trailers be inspected and certified once in twelve months and during the month in which the vehicle's certificate of registration is issued.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation (DOT); Honolulu Department of Customer Services; Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.; Matson Navigation Company; Hawaii Transportation Association; and Horizon Lines, LLC.

Act 3, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, enacted the provision which this measure would repeal. The justification at the time for requiring a safety inspection during the month in which the vehicle's certificate of motor vehicle registration is issued, was to spread out DOT's tremendous workload to inspect some 100,000 vehicles in the month of June, when the annual safety inspections expire on motor carrier vehicles. (Senate Standing Committee Report No. 54, on SB No. 73, 2005) Testimony now indicates that the current law that requires motor carrier companies such as Matson Navigation and Horizon Lines to have their trailers and pole trailers inspected and certified once a year and in the same



month in which the vehicle's certificate of registration is issued is logically burdensome. For example, Matson Navigation Company has 6,000 of these trailers and they are located in different locations and jurisdictions. Having them inspected in the same month in which the motor vehicle certificate of registration was issued is burdensome.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1287, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1287, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



