

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 754

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1423

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 H.B. No. 1423 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 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 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.

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 H.B. No. 1423 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

HB1423 HSCR TRN HMS 2007-2302



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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



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State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1423		Date: 2-14-07		
Committee Referral: TRN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
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	/			
TOTAL	11			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<i>Paul Z</i> Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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