

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 430

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 15, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 351
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 351 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve roadway safety and deter motorists from running a red light by allowing the counties to establish and implement a photo red light imaging detector system program (Program).

The Department of Transportation, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Downtown Neighborhood Board 13, Hawaii Insurers Council, Mothers Against Drunk Driving-Hawaii, and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company supported this bill. The Office of the Public Defender and several concerned individuals opposed this bill. The Judiciary and the Department of Budget and Finance submitted comments.

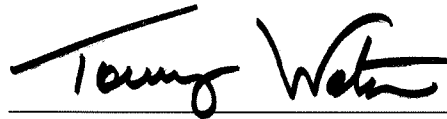
Your Committee finds that concerns were raised in the public hearing regarding the actual implementation of the Program, including the issue of contracts for the private sector to implement the Program. In addition, concerns were raised regarding the feasibility of distributing revenues collected from the Program to the counties.



In light of these concerns, your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion. Other technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 351, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 351, H.D. 1.

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



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



