

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2729

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2094
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2094, S.D. 1,
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to permit the examiner of
drivers to waive the test of knowledge of the rules of the road
for applicants holding a valid driver's license from another state
of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, a province of the Dominion
of Canada, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the
Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall
Islands, the Republic of Palau, or any of the federal government's
political subdivisions, territories, or commonwealths.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Department of Transportation and two private individuals.
Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the
Department of Customer Services, City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that since the majority of jurisdictions
have adopted uniform motor vehicle laws, this measure would allow
for reciprocity similar to that currently permitted for commercial
driver's licenses. Section 286-236(g), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
allows the examiner to waive the test of knowledge if there is a
valid license from another state, Mexico, or a province in Canada.

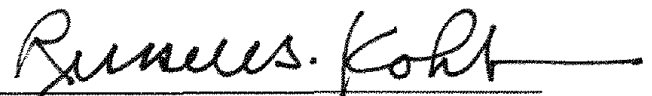


Your Committee recognizes that the previous committee, the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, extended the waiver for applicants holding a valid driver's license from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and any of the federal government's political subdivisions, territories, or commonwealths. Testimony submitted by the City and County of Honolulu indicated that the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau are not participants of the United Nations Convention of Road Traffic; thus, a valid driver's license issued from any of these three nations are not recognized as being valid for operation of a vehicle in any United States jurisdiction. However, your Committee recognizes that a request has been made to encourage the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau to accede to the United Nations Convention of Road Traffic, which will address the concerns raised by the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date of this measure from effective upon its approval to July 1, 2050 to encourage further discussion on this matter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2094, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2094, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,




RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2094 SD1	TIA, CPH	2/22/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	/			
IGE, David Y. (VC)				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T.				/
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/			
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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