

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2366  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2366 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit texting using an  
electronic wireless communication device while driving.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from  
General Motors and one individual. The Honolulu Police Department  
submitted testimony in opposition.

Your Committee finds that texting while driving is increasing  
on Hawai'i roads and highways, creating unsafe driving conditions  
and contributing to traffic slow downs and accidents.

Your Committee understands the concerns of the Honolulu  
Police Department regarding enforcement of this measure, but  
supports efforts to decrease driver distractions.

Your Committee has amended this measure to add three  
exemptions:

- (1) Sending or receiving emergency alert messages;
- (2) Messages related to the operation of a motor vehicle or  
an accessory component thereof; or



- (3) Any global positioning or navigation system that is permanently affixed to the motor vehicle.

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. 2366, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2366, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



