

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1275

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 295  
S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 295, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote the use of hybrid vehicles and other energy-efficient vehicles, including plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, by allowing these vehicles to use high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, regardless of the number of occupants in the vehicle.

The Department of Transportation, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, Ltd., and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., testified in support of this bill.

Energy-efficient vehicles, such as hybrid vehicles and plug-in hybrid vehicles, are gaining increased acceptance in the consumer market. These vehicles are being purchased in greater numbers and are becoming a more common sight on our roadways. The use of these vehicles not only reduces the consumption of fossil fuels but also aids in the reduction of pollution, including greenhouse-gas emissions. Providing incentives for the purchase and use of these vehicles, such as allowing these vehicles to use HOV lanes regardless of the number of occupants, will benefit the environment and decrease the State's dependence on fossil fuels.

SB295 SD1 HSCR TRN HMS 2009-3306



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 S.B. No. 295, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

  
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JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 295, SD1	<b>Committee Referral:</b> TRN, JUD	<b>Date:</b> 03/23/2009
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)     Pass, with amendments (HD)     Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	/			
2. AWANA, Karen Leinani (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/			
5. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
8. RHOADS, Karl	/			
9. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
12. PINE, Kymberly Marcos		/		
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The recommendation is:  Adopted     Not Adopted  
If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Karen Awana

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