

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1687

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aug 19, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 714
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 714, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to alleviate traffic congestion due to lane closures by allowing all motor vehicles, regardless of the number of persons carried in the vehicle, to use a high occupancy vehicle lane or zipper lane, subject to the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT) declaring an emergency and allowing such use.

DOT, the County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services, and several concerned individuals supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2046, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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 S.B. No. 714, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 714, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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



J. RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



