

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 758

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 H.B. No. 758 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the safety of Hawaii's highways by authorizing and setting forth procedures for impounding a motor vehicle after an individual has been fined:

- (1) Three or more times for operating a motor vehicle without a valid certificate of inspection; or
- (2) For operating a motor vehicle without being duly licensed, valid insurance card, or valid insurance policy.

Two concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs supported the intent of this bill in part.

Numerous individuals are ticketed every year for expired safety checks, failure to have proof of insurance, driving an unregistered vehicle, or driving without a valid driver's license. Requiring that vehicles be impounded may help address the problems of uninsured motorists driving on Hawaii's roadways and drivers who fail to adhere to important safety requirements.



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 H.B. No. 758 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



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB758	<b>Committee Referral:</b> TRN, JUD	<b>Date:</b> 2/4/2009		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>TRN Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee member(s) did not support recommendation.				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>Karen Awana</i>				
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