

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 133

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 10, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 923

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. 923 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide for greater efficiency in the movement of people through a public transit system by allowing larger articulated buses to operate on public roadways.

The Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association, Soderholm Sales & Leasing, Inc., Hawaii Transportation Association, STAR of HONOLULU Tours and Events, Royal Star Hawaii Transportation, and Charley's Taxi testified in support of this bill. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) of the City and County of Honolulu testified in opposition to this measure.

The use of mass transit has been growing in Hawaii over the past few years. While Honolulu has long had one of the best rated public transportation systems in the nation, the neighbor islands have only recently begun developing and using mass transit systems. Allowing for the use of larger articulated buses on public roadways will create greater capacity for the movement of people through these systems and hopefully relieve some traffic congestion.

While your Committee understands the concerns raised by DTS that the City and County of Honolulu may not be able to accommodate such large vehicles, the neighboring counties may be

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able to utilize such vehicles to their advantage. This legislation simply enables a public transit provider to use larger vehicles and does not require the use of these vehicles.

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. 923 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,



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB923	Committee Referral: TRN, JUD	Date: 2/4/2009		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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)				
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				✓
TOTAL (12)	11			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Karen Awana</i>				
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