

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2755  
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 2755, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote safer roadways and fewer distractions while driving by prohibiting the use of mobile electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by one state agency, three county agencies, two private organizations, and four individuals. Written comments were submitted by one county agency. Written comments presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure encourages more focused and responsible driving, reducing the risk of accidents and injuries.

Upon further consideration of the comments submitted, your Committee finds that drivers are not authorized under this measure, as written, to use two-way radios while operating smaller public utility vehicles to perform important work-related troubleshooting and supervisory duties. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding an exemption for drivers who are using two-way radios while operating vehicles owned by a public



utility in the performance and scope of their work-related duties; and

- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2755, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2755, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Government Operations,




BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2755, SD1	TIA, JGO	2/23/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)				✓
BUNDA, Robert				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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