

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1031

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1416  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 1416, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the burden of new car owners in obtaining a certificate of inspection on their vehicle by lengthening the period during which new vehicles are exempted from safety inspections from two years to three years after the date of purchase.

The Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu and several concerned individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Transportation (DOT) provided comments.

In general, new vehicles sold in Hawaii are covered under warranties lasting for three years or 36,000 miles. As Hawaii drivers typically amass an average of 10,000 miles per year on their vehicles, their new vehicles are unlikely to experience major mechanical defects during the first three years after their purchase. Thus, the present timeframe for safety inspection of new vehicles appears to be unnecessarily burdensome on the owners.

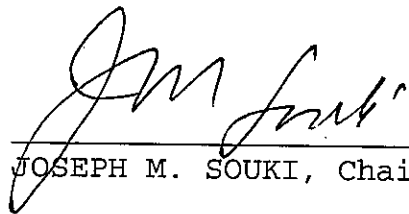
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However, your Committee notes that DOT raised concerns that the current effective date of this measure did not provide sufficient time for safety inspection stickers that are placed on vehicles that would meet this new timeframe to be ordered and sent to safety inspection stations. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 1, 2013.

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. 1416, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1416, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 1416, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TRN, JUD</b>	Date: <b>3/16/11</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty	/			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
6. LUKE, Sylvia				/
7. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
9. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
10. FONTAINE, George R.		/		
11. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>J. Linda Chiyame</i></u>				
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