

Honolulu, Hawaii
Jan 31, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1743

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1743 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the gross vehicle weight rating of vehicles that a category 3 licensee may operate to 18,000 pounds.


The Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu provided comments on this measure.

Currently, a standard driver's license, known as a category 3 license, allows individuals to operate passenger cars of any gross vehicle weight rating; buses designed to transport 15 or fewer occupants; and trucks and vans having a gross vehicle weight rating of 15,000 pounds or less. However, manufacturers are producing newer trucks and vans that have increased gross vehicle weight ratings. According to the Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu, some of these trucks and vans range in weight from 15,000 to 16,500 pounds. Without the statutory amendments contained in this measure, individuals currently holding a category 3 license could not legally operate these vehicles without upgrading their license.



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. 1743 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



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The Twenty-sixth Legislature

HSCR 16-12

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1743	Committee Referral: TRN, JUD	Date: 1/25/12		
<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. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty	/			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
7. OKAMURA, Tom	/			
8. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
11. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
12. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
TOTAL (12)	12			
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>Linda Ichizame</i></u>				
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