

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2071

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2071 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote highway safety by:

- (1) Requiring a driver who is passing a stationary vehicle that appears to be disabled to:
 - (A) Vacate the lane closest to the stationary vehicle when driving on a highway with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the stationary vehicle, if it is safe to do so, and continue to travel in that lane until safely clear of the vehicle; or
 - (B) Slow to a specified safe speed; and
- (2) Making it a petty misdemeanor to fail to move over to a vacant lane or to slow down.


The Honolulu Police Department and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Transportation testified in opposition to this measure.




Tragically, two Honolulu Police officers lost their lives in traffic incidents over the past six months after being struck by motor vehicles while assisting motorists. Although these tragedies often involve public safety personnel, anyone who is stalled on a roadway may face similar dangers. While your Committees note that this measure may not completely prevent this type of tragedy from occurring, it will raise awareness among motorists and may save a life.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Public Safety & Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2071 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Public Safety & Military
Affairs,


HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair


JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2071	Committee Referral: TRN/PBM, JUD	Date: 2/6/12		
<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, Tomr				
8. SAIKI, Scott K.				/
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
11. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
12. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
TOTAL (12)	00			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Linda Ichiyama</i></u>				
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PBM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	✓			
2. CULLEN, Ty (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. LEE, Marilyn B.				✓
5. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
6. OKAMURA, Tom				
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				✓
8. SOUKI, Joseph M.	✓			
9. TAKAI, K. Mark				✓
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
12. FONTAINE, George R.	✓			
13. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	✓			
TOTAL (13)	9	∅	∅	3
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