

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2649

H.D. 1

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. 2649 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist the counties in addressing motor vehicle violations by:

- (1) Authorizing the counties to implement a vehicle immobilization program to place a vehicle boot on a vehicle owned by an individual with outstanding motor vehicle violations until those violations are resolved;
- (2) Providing for fines, fees, and costs to be collected by the counties as a civil judgment in an appropriate court; and
- (3) Providing that the fines, fees, and costs collected pursuant to the vehicle boot program shall be paid into the respective county general fund.

The Councilmember from Council District 3 testified in support of this measure.

Under the current system, when a motor vehicle owner fails to pay a fine for a traffic violation, a stopper is placed on that individual's motor vehicle registration and the motor vehicle




registration cannot be renewed until the stopper is removed through the payment of the outstanding fine. This may result in one of two things. Either a vehicle owner will pay the fine and have the stopper removed or the delinquent party will simply not pay their registration fees and vehicle taxes. Your Committee notes that a City and County of Honolulu report found that, as of 2008, 6,624 motor vehicles had three or more outstanding parking violations with a total of \$1,500,000 in outstanding fines. Allowing the counties to adopt a vehicle immobilization program using vehicle boots will address this situation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Stipulating that 50 percent of the fines, fees, and costs associated with the vehicle boot program that are collected shall be paid into the state general fund; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2649, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2649, 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

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2649	Committee Referral: TRN, JUD, FIN	Date: 2/1/12		
<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. OKAMURA, Tom				✓
8. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
11. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
12. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
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>Linda Ichiyama</i>				
Distribution: Original (White) – Committee Duplicate (Yellow) – Chief Clerk's Office Duplicate (Pink) – HMSO				