

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 7 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2789

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. 2789 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by promoting traffic safety. Among other things, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a photo speed imaging detector system program to improve enforcement of speed limits;
- (2) Allows county implementation of a photo speed imaging detector system program in areas where excessive speeding has been found to be a problem;
- (3) Authorizes fines collected under county-administered programs to be deposited into a general fund account; and
- (4) Authorizes funds from this general fund account to be expended in the county in which the fine was collected for the establishment, operation, management, and maintenance of a photo speed imaging detector system program.

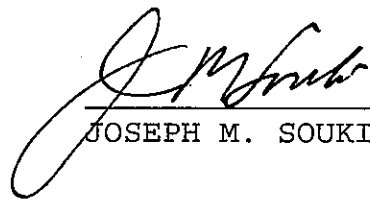


A concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Office of the Public Defender and a concerned individual testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance provided comments.

The prevalence of drivers violating Hawaii's speeding laws, especially on the island of Oahu, has become intolerable. These violations endanger the lives of motorists and pedestrians and compound the already hazardous conditions on Hawaii's roads and highways. Speeding, especially excessive speeding, contributes to the frequency and severity of motor vehicle crashes since motorists have less time to react and stop. Too many tragedies on Hawaii's roadways, many of them recent ones, have been attributed to excessive speeding and racing. This measure will help curb such dangerous activities in Hawaii and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State.

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. 2789 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



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2789	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 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)	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>				
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