

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 7 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2790

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. 2790 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 public's health, safety, and welfare by promoting traffic safety. Among other things, this bill establishes a photo red light imaging detector system program to improve enforcement of traffic-signal laws by:

- (1) Allowing county implementation of photo red light imaging detector system programs;
- (2) Authorizing fines collected under county-administered programs to be deposited into a general fund account; and
- (3) Authorizing 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 red light imaging detector system program.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving HAWAII and two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Office of the Public Defender and a concerned individual testified in

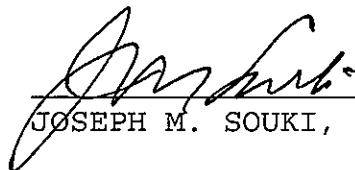


opposition to this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance provided comments.

The prevalence of drivers violating Hawaii's traffic-signal laws, in particular the disregard of red light signals, 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. Many senseless tragedies occur nationwide and on Hawaii's roadways because of drivers running red lights. 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. 2790 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 2790	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. <p style="text-align: center;">committee acronym(s)</p>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Linda Ichiyama</u>				
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