

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1354

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2013

RE: H.B. No. 90  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 90, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address issues regarding the use of emergency response vehicle sirens and lights.

More specifically, this measure establishes an emergency response vehicle noise task force within the Department of Health to examine the use and effectiveness of lights and sirens by emergency response vehicles.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Fire Council; Kauai Fire Department; and two concerned individuals.

Your Committee finds that the public has serious concerns regarding the appropriate use of sirens and lights on emergency response vehicles, including whether the sirens are audible by motorists, whether the lights are visible, and whether the sirens and lights are unnecessarily used. This measure would establish a task force to examine these issues and make recommendations on any appropriate changes to the law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Making the task force permanent by codifying its establishment in the Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Providing for nomination and appointment of non-governmental members in accordance with section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 90, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 90, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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HB 90 HDZ SDI	ENE/PSM, WAM	3-28-13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kalani</i>				
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