

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1358

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2013

RE: H.B. No. 977
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. 977, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase highway safety by conforming state law with recent changes to federal regulations relating to commercial driver licensing.

More specifically, this measure provides for a commercial learner's permit and implements various other changes to enhance the commercial driver license program.

Your Committee finds that failure to enact these changes recommended by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration could result in the loss of approximately \$5,500,000 of federal funding for the first year of non-compliance and \$10,900,000 per year thereafter.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing the existing definition of "tank vehicle" in section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, because the term is used only with regard to commercial driver licensing and is defined by this measure for that purpose;



- (2) Clarifying that the holder of a commercial learner's permit is eligible to take a commercial driver's license skills test no earlier than the fourteenth day after obtaining the learner's permit;
- (3) Clarifying that the commercial driver license applicant may submit the results of an out-of-state skills test to the examiner of drivers for approval; 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. 977, 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. 977, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 977, HD 2, SD 1	Committee Referral: TIA / PSM, WAM	Date: 3-27-13		
<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	✓			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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