

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1009

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1009 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL INTEREST VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow owners of older vehicles to legally operate their vehicles on Hawaii's roadways. Specifically, this measure redefines the term "special interest vehicle" under Hawaii's highway safety law to include a vehicle that, based on its model year, is at least twenty-five years old.

Several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Transportation testified in opposition to this measure.

Under current law, certain reconstructed motor vehicles considered to be classic cars are unable to be legally registered due to ambiguity in the definition of a special interest vehicle under Hawaii's highway safety law. Your Committee notes that, in 2004, the definition of special interest vehicle was amended to include vehicles manufactured before 1968 and vehicles manufactured after 1967 to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1968. This was an attempt to address difficulties certain motor vehicle owners were experiencing when trying to register their vehicles. However, your Committee received testimony stating that difficulties still exist in registering these motor vehicles because of the interpretation of the term resemble.



According to testimony received, since many of the classic cars being restored or rebuilt use modern, aftermarket parts, inspectors are not registering these vehicles because they do not resemble the vehicle manufactured before 1968. Thus, the owner of a 1967 Camaro may legally register their vehicle as a special interest vehicle while the owner of a 1969 Camaro, which is an almost identical vehicle, may not because of its aftermarket parts. Your Committee finds that changing the definition of special interest vehicle to include a vehicle that, based on its model year, is at least twenty-five years old will eliminate this ambiguity and allow these vehicles to be registered.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 1009, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1009, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation,



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation**

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 1009</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRN, JUD</i>	Date: <i>02/11/2015</i>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:     Pass, unamended (as is)     Pass, with amendments (HD)     Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
2. LOPRESTI, Matthew S. (VC)	X			
3. HAR, Sharon E.	X			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	X			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				X
6. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	X			
7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	X			
8. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	X			
9. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	X			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	X			
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	X			
12. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				X
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>2</b>

The recommendation is:     Adopted     Not Adopted  
If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature:

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