

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 359

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Energy and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 359 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require drivers of taxicabs and transportation network drivers to display the general excise tax license inside their cars.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Charley's Taxi. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Uber Technologies, Inc. Your Committees received comments on this measure from Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that while taxi companies are required to operate under a litany of regulations, transportation network company drivers have not bothered to comply with the most basic laws related to the legally required payment of the general excise tax. Requiring drivers to display the general excise tax license in a car encourages compliance with tax laws.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Energy and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 359 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Energy and Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and
Health,

Rosalyn H. Baker

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

Lorraine R. Inouye

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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 359	TRE/CPH, WAM	2-13-17		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)				/
CHANG, Stanley	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les		/		
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
TOTAL	4	1		2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes