

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2017

RE: S.B. No. 659

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Energy, to which was referred S.B. No. 659 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the fine for violations of operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

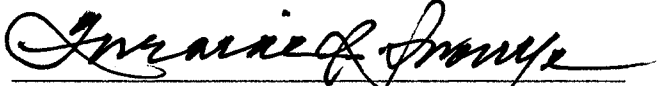
Your Committee finds that alcohol-impaired driving is a significant problem in Hawaii. During calendar year 2015, of the ninety-three total fatalities that occurred on Hawaii's roads, thirty-three were alcohol-impaired fatalities. Your Committee further finds that in the same year, police in the State arrested over six thousand drivers for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. This measure will further disincentivize intoxicant-impaired driving by significantly increasing the penalty for that offense.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Energy that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of



S.B. No. 659 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

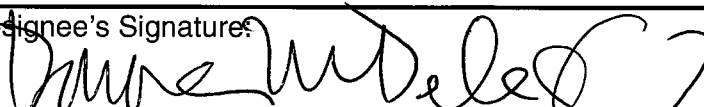
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
Energy,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Transportation and Energy**  
**TRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 659</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/8/17</b>		
<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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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