

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3150

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1625
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Energy, to which was referred H.B. No. 1625, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the registered owner of a motor vehicle to designate a beneficiary to whom ownership of the vehicle shall be transferred upon the registered owner's death.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that owners of motor vehicles do not always prepare for the ownership of their vehicle after they die. This can lead to confusion about vehicle ownership, annual registration and safety checks, maintenance, and abandonment when the owner of the vehicle passes away. Allowing owners to designate a beneficiary in the event of death will reduce the problems related to unclear ownership of the vehicle.

Your Committee notes that S.B. No. 2240 (Regular Session of 2018) is a substantially similar measure. In addition to allowing the designation of a beneficiary, S.B. No. 2240 also establishes how the designation of the beneficiary may be revoked or changed,



establishes procedures for transferring ownership after death, and makes additional conforming amendments in the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Your Committee concludes that the language in S.B. No. 2240 is preferable because changing the beneficiary is an important option for vehicle owners and the process for transferring ownership needs to be clear.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of S.B. No. 2240, which:
 - (A) Allows upon the registration of a vehicle, that the owner of a vehicle to designate a beneficiary to whom the vehicle will be transferred to upon the owner's death, and establishes how the designation of the beneficiary may be revoked or changed;
 - (B) Adds to the certificate of registration after the name of the owner, the words "transfer on death to" followed by the name of the beneficiary; and
 - (C) Establishes procedures for transferring ownership after death; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2100, to encourage further discussion.

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 H.B. No. 1625, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1625, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and 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
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1625 HD1	Committee Referral: TRE, JDC/WAM	Date: 3/16/2018		
<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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	X			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Will Espero</div>				
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