

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1767
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1767 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO MOTOR VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit access to Mauna Kea Science Reserve and Waipio Valley, except by low-gear four-wheel drive vehicles and emergency responders. This measure also requires that tours of the Mauna Kea Science Reserve and Waipio Valley obtain a permit to operate on these corridors, and authorizes the counties and University of Hawaii to appoint employees or individuals to enforce the restrictions.

The Office of Maunakea Management, Council Member representing District 1 of the Hawaii County Council, Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference, Hawaii Island Economic Development Board, Hawaii Forest and Trail, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs provided comments to this measure.

Your Committee notes that the Chair plans to continue to collaborate with subsequent committees to refine the language of the provision requiring that tours of the Mauna Kea Science Reserve and Waipio Valley obtain a valid, state-issued permit.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, and making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency and style.

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. 1767, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1767, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



