

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 725

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 725 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require commercial maritime cargo vehicles with cargo of 55,000 pounds or more to be weighed immediately upon departing a commercial harbor; and
- (2) Require maritime cargo carriers to submit to the Department of Transportation a detailed list of every container or load over 55,000 pounds that arrived in a State harbor and is to be transported on state highways.

Matson supported this measure. The Department of Transportation supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Transportation Association opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its substantive contents and amending section 291-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which relates to the gross weight of vehicles allowable on roads. This amendment:

- (1) Requires the Director of Transportation to establish a weigh in motion and axle scale system at all commercial



harbor facilities, which allows the egress and ingress of vehicles carrying a load of 55,000 pounds or more; and

- (2) Requires all maritime cargo carriers engaged in inter-state transportation to submit to the Department of Transportation a detailed list of every shipping container or load 55,000 pounds or over that has arrived in a commercial harbor and is to be transported on state highways.

Your Committee has amended this measure further by appropriating unspecified amounts for the purchase and installation of equipment for the weigh in motion and axle scale systems, and for the hiring of personnel to operate those systems.

Should the Committee on Finance deliberate this measure further, your Committee on Transportation respectfully requests that it consider appropriating:

- (1) \$230,000 for the purchase and installation of equipment for the weigh in motion and axle scale systems; and
- (2) \$650,000 for the hiring of personnel to operate the weigh in motion and axle scale systems.

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. 725, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 725, 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



