

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 849

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 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 Ways and Means, 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 minimum and maximum fines for operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

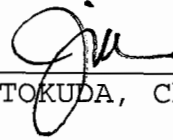
The Department of Transportation, the Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Kihei Community Association, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving submitted written comments in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs continues to be a problem in Hawaii. In 2015, ninety-three fatalities occurred on Hawaii's roads, more than half of which were caused by alcohol- or drug-related driving. In the same year, police arrested over six thousand drivers in Hawaii for operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant. Your Committee believes that the increased fines authorized by this measure will significantly deter intoxicant-impaired driving.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means 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 Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.: SB 659	Committee Referral: TRE, WAM	Date: 24 Feb 2017		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil		/		
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
TOTAL	8	1		2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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