

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

669

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 974
S.D. 2

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. 974, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to limit the privilege of parking a vehicle in a metered parking space by disabled persons.

More specifically, this measure would allow parking without payment of parking meter fees for a maximum of two-and-a-half hours or the maximum time the meter allows, whichever is longer, only by permittees who are licensed drivers and not able to reach or operate parking meters because of a disability.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Disability and Communications Access Board, the Downtown-Chinatown Neighborhood Board, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the current exemption for disabled persons to park vehicles in metered parking spaces without paying parking meter fees for an initial period exceeds the original intent of section 291-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The original purpose of the statute was not to provide free parking for all disability parking permit holders, nor to permit persons other



than permit holders to avoid paying parking meter fees by illegally using permits issued to family members or others.

Your Committee further finds that this measure will narrow the exemption from payment of parking meter fees to only licensed drivers who cannot reach or operate a parking meter because of their disability, and will require qualified permit holders to display a distinguishing permit or decal in their vehicles while parked in metered parking spaces to signify their exemption from payment for an initial period.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that qualified disability parking permit holders will be exempt from parking meter fees for the first two-and-a-half hours, rather than a maximum of two-and-a-half hours, or the maximum amount of time the meter allows, whichever is longer.

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. 974, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 974, S.D. 2.

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

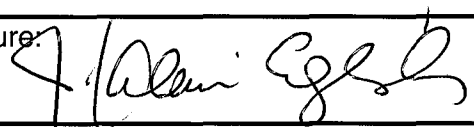


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 974, SD1	TRE/PSM, WAM	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 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
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	9			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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