

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1595

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2019

RE: S.R. No. 14
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.R. No. 14 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE NECESSITY OF VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the necessity of vehicle safety inspections in the State.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that manufacturing technology and standard safety features of modern vehicles have developed far beyond the safety requirements of safety inspections that are currently being conducted in the State. Annual safety inspections often do not uncover any material defects or safety concerns but drivers are still required to pay for a safety inspection. Your Committee further finds that other states have eliminated or modified their safety inspections to reflect the advancements made in manufacturing technology.

Your Committee notes the testimony from the Legislative Reference Bureau on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19, a



substantially similar measure, stating that the Bureau does not have the expertise with respect to automotive mechanics or accident investigation to conduct the requested study and that the Department of Transportation may be a more appropriate agency to assess the feasibility of eliminating or modifying vehicle safety inspections.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Transportation, instead of the Legislative Reference Bureau, to conduct a study on the necessity of vehicle safety inspections in the State and report to the Legislature;
- (2) Amending the title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 14, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 14, S.D. 1.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR14	Committee Referral: TRS, WAM	Date: 3/13/19		
<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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Breene Harimoto</i>				
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