

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3158

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2234

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2234 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to lower the blood alcohol concentration (BAC) threshold for the offense of operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, one member of the Maui County Council, Maui Police Department, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, National Safety Council, Hawaii Bicycling League, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender, American Beverage Institute, Hawaii Bar Owners Association, Wine Institute, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Hawaii ranks fifth worst in the nation for the percentage of alcohol-impaired driving fatalities. The National Transportation Safety Board recommends that all states lower the BAC threshold to .05 percent or lower. This



measure lowers the BAC threshold to this recommended level in an effort to deter drunk driving and save lives.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2234 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2234	Committee Referral: TLS, JDC	Date: 2/25/2020		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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