

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3235

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2508
S.D. 1

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. 2508, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to replace the term "accident" with the term "collision" for purposes of certain provisions of the statewide traffic code.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Bicycling League, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration encourages the terms "collision" or "crash" be used in place of the term "accident", since an accident is an unplanned event resulting in unintended consequences and motor vehicle collisions involve planned and intended events, which could theoretically impact an interpretation of the driver's state of mind in criminal cases. This measure replaces the term "accident" with the term "collision" in certain provisions of the State Traffic Code.

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. 2508, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



