

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 11 , 2020

RE: S.B. No. 3158
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 3158, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect consumers from unscrupulous persons by prohibiting persons from intentionally or knowingly:

- (1) Manufacturing, importing, installing, reinstalling, distributing, selling, or offering for sale any counterfeit supplemental restraint system component, nonfunctional airbag, or airbag that does not meet federal safety requirements; and
- (2) Selling, offering for sale, installing, or reinstalling in a motor vehicle any device that causes the motor vehicle's diagnostic systems to fail to warn that the motor vehicle is equipped with a counterfeit supplemental restraint system component or nonfunctional airbag or that no airbag is installed, as applicable.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Alliance for Automotive



Innovation; Honda; National Insurance Crime Bureau; and Automotive Anti-Counterfeiting Council, Inc.

Your Committee finds that airbags are a critical component of vehicle safety systems and are responsible for saving countless lives. Your Committee further finds that counterfeit airbags compromise these vehicle safety systems. These counterfeit airbags may be filled with sawdust, newspaper, or nothing at all, endangering unknowing consumers. Your Committee finds that this measure is necessary for the protection of consumers and aligns the State with twenty-two other states that have enacted similar legislation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3158, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

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



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



