

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 739

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.B. No. 739 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require employers of fifty persons or more who provide a parking subsidy to employees to offer a parking cash-out program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Ulupono Initiative, Bikeshare Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health.


Your Committee finds that ground transportation in Hawaii uses roughly a third of the State's imported fossil fuels partly because many employers provide employees with parking subsidies which can encourage employees to drive to work. In order for the State to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels, the State needs to encourage people to drive less and incentivize using alternative forms of transportation. A parking cash-out program similar to the program adopted in California may be a good example for businesses in Hawaii to offer a cash allowance instead of parking subsidies to provide incentives for other, less toxic forms of transportation.



Your Committee notes the concern of mandating private business to offer a cash allowance in place of a parking subsidy and its potential impact on certain businesses. Your Committee encourages further discussion between the State and appropriate stakeholders regarding the potential impact of this measure.

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. 739 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

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.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB739	TRS, CPH	2/11/19		
<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 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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)		✓		
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	3	1		1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive;">Breene Harimoto</div>				
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