

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: H.B. No. 601

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 601 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve public safety and efficiency by authorizing:

- (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to designate state employees or contractors; and
- (2) County police chiefs to designate other county employees or contractors, such as trained county staff or park rangers,

to cite for certain traffic violations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the County of Kauai, Kauai Police Department's Patrol Services Bureau, National Tropical Botanical Garden, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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Your Committee finds that the shortage of police officers across Hawaii constrains county police departments' ability to enforce traffic and safety violations. This measure will provide additional persons with the authority to issue traffic citations, thereby improving traffic safety in the State.

Your Committee urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources to further examine its legal and logistical concerns and to coordinate with the various county police departments and to provide their recommendations on how to address those concerns to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs should it choose to hear this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 601, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 601, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,

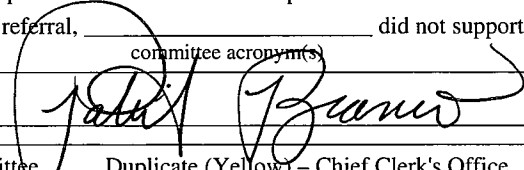


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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB601	Committee Referral: WAL, JHA, FIN	Date: 2/2/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana (VC)	✓			
3. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OHNO, Takashi				✓
8. McDERMOTT, Bob				✓
TOTAL (8)	6			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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