

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REP. NO. |

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 151
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

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

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 151, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

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

Your Committee on Conference finds that the use of the term "accident" when referring to a traffic collision or incident is outdated. The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) replaced the term "accident" with "collision" in their policies, procedures, and report writing more than a decade ago. Additionally, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has encouraged everyone to use the term "collision" instead of "accident" when referring to incidents of vehicular collision. This measure amends the statewide traffic code to replace "accident" with "collision" to

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bring Hawaii statutes in line with the NHTSA and HPD policies and provide consistency and clarity.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 151, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 151, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



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