

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2021

RE: S.B. No. 153
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 153 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:

- (1) Establish penalties for violations of the ignition interlock law; and
- (2) Require proof of compliance with the ignition interlock law to be eligible to apply for a driver's license.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii, SmartStart, Casanova Powell Consulting, Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility, and Traffic Injury Research Foundation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that ignition interlock devices prevent an intoxicated driver from operating a motor vehicle if their breath alcohol concentration exceeds a set point. Since its



inception in 2011, the ignition interlock program has prevented over one million impaired driving attempts. This measure will improve upon this program by requiring drivers in the program to provide proof of compliance before their drivers license may be reinstated. Your Committee notes that driving is a privilege and not a right. As such, drivers who lose that privilege due to driving while impaired should demonstrate their fitness for driving by proving compliance with the program.

Your Committee also notes that an issue has been raised regarding equitable impact of this measure due to the cost to participants in the program. Should this measure move forward, your Committee on Judiciary is encouraged to consider the equity issues raised.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 153, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 153, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

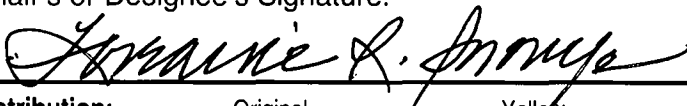


CHRIS LEE, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 153</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRS, JOE</i>	Date: <i>2/9/2021</i>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye/	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes