

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1073

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 57
S.D. 2
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 Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 57, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Codify certain certification, renewal, and violation processes of vehicle inspectors who conduct vehicle safety inspections; and
- (2) Repeal the requirement for reconstructed vehicles to obtain a special inspection and certification.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Oahu Motorsports Association; 4Runnation Hawaii; 808 Street Rods; Kings Ride Truck Club; Racing & Chillaxin InDa808; BTT, LLC; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Honolulu Police Department and Corvette Club of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires vehicles in the State to pass an inspection check to ensure the safety of the driver and passengers in any vehicle on Hawaii's roads. Despite

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this requirement, there is no codified law regarding the supervision and certification of all inspectors authorized to conduct vehicle inspections. This measure would address that by codifying the process by which vehicle inspectors obtain and renew their certification and the penalties for improper inspection.

Your Committee further finds that the reconstructed vehicle inspection program may no longer be necessary. Available crash data does not indicate that reconstructed vehicles are more dangerous than other vehicles. However, your Committee believes there is merit in maintaining the reconstructed vehicles inspection program to avoid any modifications that are made to a vehicle that may change the weight of the vehicle, thereby causing more damage to the State's roads. Your Committee further believes that it would be beneficial for the Department of Transportation to study the effects of repealing the reconstructed vehicle inspection program so that the Legislature may make a more informed decision on whether or not to permanently repeal the program.

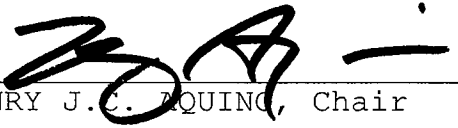
Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Transportation to submit a report on the effects of repealing the reconstructed vehicles inspection program to the Legislature by July 1, 2024;
- (2) Specifying that the repeal of the reconstructed vehicles inspection program shall take effect on January 1, 2022, and be reenacted on July 31, 2025; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 57, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 57, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



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


HENRY J. C. QUINO, Chair



