

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 04 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1448
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1448, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC FINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize each county to:
 - (A) Establish a County Highway Enforcement Program within each county police department;
 - (B) Designate, by ordinance, specific sections of county highways subject to the County Highway Enforcement Surcharge, a copy of which shall be transmitted to the Judiciary each year; and
 - (C) Establish a County Highway Enforcement Program Fund within the County Highway Enforcement Program for the deposit of the County Highway Enforcement Surcharge and related penalties;
- (2) Require annual reports to the Legislature and respective county or city councils on the status and progress of the County Highway Enforcement Program;



- (3) Impose a County Highway Enforcement Surcharge for illegally stopping, standing, or parking vehicles on county highways, to be distributed to county police departments; and
- (4) Require each county's share of any associated penalties to be annually remitted to the respective county police department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Hawai'i County Council, Hawai'i State Association of Counties, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the county highway enforcement surcharge to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1448, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1448, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



