

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3002

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3162  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 3162, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUDIBLE VEHICLE REVERSE WARNING SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the replacement of current audible reverse warning systems (back-up beepers) on state and county-owned vehicles purchased on or after January 1, 2025, with more effective broadband reversing alarms.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Quieter and Healthier Maui and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that in order to reduce urban noise pollution caused by reversing alarms of commercial and construction vehicles and to ensure safer reversing, it is necessary to transition to newer technology for audible reverse warning systems. Studies have determined that a traditional tonal back-up beeper had been inefficient in alerting people to a reversing vehicle. This measure will help protect the State's residents from disruptive noise pollution and utilize safer vehicular reversing practices by requiring the use of broadband reversing alarms instead of tonal alarms.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3162, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3162, S.D. 2.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



