

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1578
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1578 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "motor carrier vehicle" to exclude chassis used to transport shipping containers.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted and made available for public review a proposed H.D. 1, which deletes the contents of this measure and inserts language that:

- (1) Permits a shipping container chassis that holds a valid out-of-state certificate of vehicle registration to obtain a certificate of safety inspection; and
- (2) Makes an out-of-state registration for a shipping container chassis valid in the State until its expiration in the other state or for one year after a vehicle safety inspection.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the proposed H.D. 1 from the Department of Transportation; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; Hawaii Harbors Users Group; Young Brothers, LLC;



General Contractors Association of Hawaii; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that shipping container chassis play a vital role in the flow of commerce in Hawaii by ensuring containers, and the goods within them, can be delivered to the State. Your Committee further finds that due to the nature of intermodal equipment, shipping containers are frequently moved from port to port and often contain out-of-state license plates and registrations. Your Committee believes that allowing shipping container chassis that are registered out-of-state to obtain a safety check will reduce delays in the delivery of goods while still ensuring the safety and roadworthiness of shipping container chassis.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed H.D. 1 and further amending the measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, 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 H.B. No. 1578, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1578, 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,



CHRIS TODD, Chair



