

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2894
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Labor and Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 2894 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Transportation to establish a State Employee Commuter Benefits Program that provides free or subsidized public transit to state employees.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, Hawai'i State Energy Office, one member of the Kaua'i County Council, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, and four individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committees find that emissions from private vehicles account for twenty-eight percent of all greenhouse gas emissions in the country. Your Committees further find that the State has a responsibility to lead in the decarbonization transition and should encourage the utilization of public transportation that




encourages fuel efficiency per passenger mile and contributes to an overall decrease in the necessary amount of energy for transportation. This measure will help commuters save money on fuel, insurance, parking, and vehicle maintenance costs, while also reducing the traffic and air pollution by encouraging commuters to take public transit. However, rather than establishing a new program, your Committees note that further developing an existing employee commuter benefits program would streamline processes and make it easier for employees to apply for the benefits provided under the existing program.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting language requiring the Department of Human Resources Development to include bikeshare and other micro-mobility devices within the Pre-tax Transportation Benefit Pilot Program's commuter benefits;
- (2) Adding the definition of "micro-mobility device"; and
- (3) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Labor and Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2894, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2894, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Culture and the Arts and
Labor and Technology,



HENRY L.C. AQUINO, Chair


CHRIS LEE, Chair



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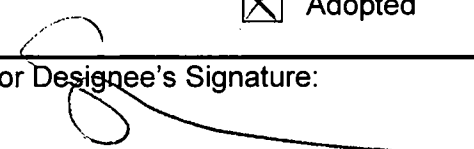
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The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)				✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	5			
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