

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2347

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2895  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2895 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exclude from the Motor Carrier Safety Law's definition of "motor carrier vehicle" chassis used to transport shipping containers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the General Contractors Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Harbors Users Group; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; and Young Brothers, LLC.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that, as an island state, Hawaii relies significantly on cargo processed at state harbors, accounting for ninety percent of all imported goods statewide. Shipping container chassis are used to transport cargo on the State's roadways, delivering food, supplies, and other commodities to Hawaii's people. The unimpeded, reliable flow of goods at state commercial harbors ensures the timely delivery and accessibility of various goods and services statewide.



Your Committee notes the concerns raised by the Department of Transportation regarding regulatory incompatibility that may jeopardize future federal funding. Your Committee also notes that the companion to this measure, House Bill No. 1578, H.D. 1 (Regular Session of 2024) (H.B. 1578, H.D. 1), is a similar measure that permits a shipping container chassis that holds a valid out-of-state certificate of vehicle registration to obtain a certificate of safety inspection. Additionally, H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 1, also authorizes 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 concludes that the language in H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 1, is preferable because the language remains consistent with existing regulations while ensuring the continued safety and roadworthiness of shipping container chassis utilized statewide.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 1, a measure 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.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2895, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2895, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
Culture and the Arts,



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts**  
**TCA**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2895</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TCA, JDC</b>	Date: <b>2/6/24</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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