

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1933
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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1933, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOBRIETY CHECKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund to provide funding to county law enforcement agencies for staffing for sobriety checks and any processing of individuals arrested at sobriety checkpoints;
- (2) Increase the annual motor vehicle registration fee and require that amount to be deposited into the Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund; and
- (3) Appropriate funds into and out of the Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund as grants-in-aid for the counties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Transportation; Intoxalock; and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

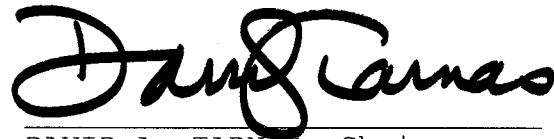
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Your Committee finds that sobriety checkpoints are a valuable tool in addressing alcohol-related traffic deaths and accidents. According to the United States Department of Justice, alcohol-related crashes are nine times more likely to result in death than non-alcohol related crashes. Your Committee further finds that law enforcement agencies often incur overtime, personnel, and other increased operational expenses to conduct sobriety checkpoints. This measure provides a mechanism to support and expand the use of sobriety checkpoints in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1933, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



