

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2342

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2342  
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. 2342 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to change the penalties for violations of certain traffic laws and required motor vehicle insurance minimums.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and Hawaii Association for Justice.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Insurers Council; and Turo.

Your Committee finds that traffic fatalities and injuries in Hawaii have increased, with 2022 having a record high of one hundred seventeen traffic fatalities and five hundred seventy serious traffic-related injuries. Your Committee recognizes that these tragic events demonstrate the need for greater safeguards



and deterrents to improve street safety and better protect Hawaii's residents. This measure will reduce traffic fatalities and injuries by increasing penalties for individuals who continue to violate traffic laws.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting unspecified insurance and penalty amounts;
- (2) Adding language directing the Insurance Commissioner to solicit rate filings from motor vehicle insurers to reflect the amendments by this measure;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2025; and
- (4) 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 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. 2342, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2342, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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



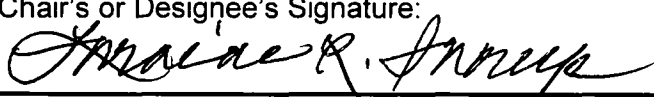
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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2342	TCA, JDC/CPN	1/30/2024		
<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				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)		✓		
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	1	1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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