

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1511

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1259
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B.
No. 1259, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Specify that an engineering study is not required to be considered when reducing the maximum speed limit within ten miles per hour of the current speed limit for that road; and
- (2) Require the Department of Transportation to use National Association of City Transportation Officials guidance when setting a maximum speed limit for sections of highways with residential or commercial areas or schools immediately on a highway.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that traffic fatalities increased ten percent between 2023 and 2024 in the State. Additionally, a 2024 behavioral study conducted by the Department of Transportation



found that nearly twenty-five percent of respondents admitted to exceeding the speed limit by more than twenty miles-per-hour, and over fifty percent admitted to exceeding the speed limit by ten to twenty miles-per-hour in the previous six months. By lowering speed limits, this measure will provide an effective safety countermeasure to reduce crashes and reduce traffic related deaths and serious injuries in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1259, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1259 HDI SDI	Committee Referral: TCA, JDC	Date: 3/27/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.			✓	BRH
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4	—	1	—
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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