

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24

, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 228  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

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

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 228, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the use of license plate flipping devices and obscuring a vehicle's license plate through the use of a cover or shield.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the prohibition on the use of license plate flipping devices applies to any motor vehicle operated on any public roadways in the State;
- (2) Specifying that each prohibited act under this measure constitutes a separate and distinct violation;




- (3) Clarifying the prohibition on obstructing a license plate, including the definition of "cover" or "shield";
- (4) Inserting a savings clause;
- (5) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

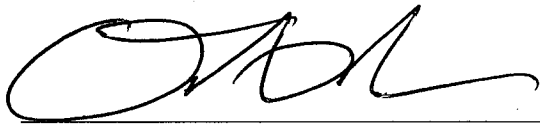
As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 228, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 228, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.


Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:


ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

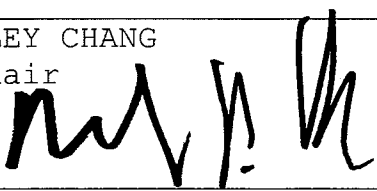
ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

  
CHRIS LEE  
Chair

  
DARIUS KILA  
Co-Chair

  
STANLEY CHANG  
Co-Chair



  
DAVID A. TARNAS  
Co-Chair

  
CAROL FUKUNAGA  
Co-Chair

  
TINA NAKADA GRANDINETTI  
Co-Chair



## Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

<b>Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: HB 228, HD 1, SD 2</b>						<b>Date/Time: 4/24/25, 10:30 a.m.</b>						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).												
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.												
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure						<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.						
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E			
LEE, Chris, Chr.	✓				KILA, Darius K., Co-Chr.	✓						
CHANG, Stanley, Co-Chr.				✓	TARNAS, David A., Co-Chr.	✓						
FUKUNAGA, Carol, Co-Chr.	✓				GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada, Co-Chr.	✓						
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓				MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>						
A = Aye			WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay			E = Excused			
Senate Recommendation is:						House Recommendation is:						
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:						House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
												
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