

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 14 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 1272  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts  
and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 1272 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOWING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require towing truck operators to obtain a towing  
license; and
- (2) Establish the Towing Authority within the Department of  
Transportation to issue towing licenses and regulate  
towing operations.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this  
measure from The Tow Truck, A Tow Truck in Paradise, and one  
individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the  
Office of Consumer Protection of the Department of Commerce and  
Consumer Affairs.



Your Committees find that while existing law has attempted to regulate the towing industry's predatory practices, motor vehicle owners are still facing fraudulent towing situations. Therefore, your Committees recognize the need to ensure strong consumer protections.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Prohibiting the act of vehicle immobilization without a valid towing license;
- (2) Specifying that a suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of a license may occur if the applicant or licensee has a device with the intent to immobilize a parked vehicle;
- (3) Clarifying that the counties are prohibited from enacting any ordinance that provides less consumer protection than state law;
- (4) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1272, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1272, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Transportation  
and Culture and the Arts and  
Commerce and Consumer  
Protection,



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



CHRIS LEE, Chair



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**TCA**

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<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-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)				✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	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: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 50px;">DKR</div>				
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KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"		✓		
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	1	1	0
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Carol Fukunaga</div>				
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