STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1025

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 312

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 S.B. No. 312 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUDIBLE VEHICLE REVERSE WARNING SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to protect the State's residents from disruptive noise pollution and utilize safer vehicular reversing practices by requiring the use of broadband reversing alarms instead of tonal alarms for state and county vehicles purchased after January 1, 2028.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15.

Your Committee finds that reversing alarms currently employed by commercial and construction vehicles contribute to urban noise pollution, which disrupts the daily routines of the State's residents. Your Committee further finds that while the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires the use of reversing alarms on certain vehicles to protect people from accidental injury or death, OSHA regulations do not require a specific type of sound alarm, allowing for the use of broadband sound reversing alarms. Accordingly, this measure will reduce noise pollution and improve urban safety by requiring certain

vehicles to use broadband reversing alarms instead of tonal alarms.

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 S.B. No. 312 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

## Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)		V			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)					/
CHANG, Stanley		>			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A	١.	\		,	
AWA, Brenton					
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TOTAL		3			1
Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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