

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2056

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 11 , 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 181
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 181, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP ON LOWERING THE
LEGAL LIMIT OF BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION TO 0.05 GRAMS OF
ALCOHOL PER ONE HUNDRED MILLILITERS OF BLOOD WITH THE INTENT
OF PRIORITIZING SAFETY AND SAVING LIVES ON HAWAII'S ROADS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of
Transportation to establish a working group on lowering the legal
limit of blood alcohol concentration to 0.05 grams of alcohol per
one hundred milliliters of blood with the intent of prioritizing
safety and saving lives on Hawaii's roads.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of the Governor; Department of Transportation;
Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawai'i Alcohol Policy Alliance;
and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that alcohol-impaired driving continues
to be a major public safety issue, contributing to thousands of
fatalities annually across the United States, including a

2025-3202 SCR181 HD1 HSCR HMSO



significant portion of traffic deaths in Hawaii. Studies show that drivers with a blood alcohol concentration between 0.05 and 0.08 percent face greatly increased risk of fatal crashes. This measure supports data-driven recommendations that prioritize saving lives and improving roadway safety for all residents and visitors in the State by looking at reducing the legal limit of blood alcohol concentration to 0.05.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Director of Transportation to serve as the Chairperson of the working group;
- (2) Adding the chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives committees with primary jurisdiction over transportation to the working group; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 181, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 181, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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



DARIUS KILA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

H3CR 2056

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: SER 181, SD1	Committee Referral: TRN, JHA	Date: 4/10/2025
---	--	---------------------------

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is) ☒ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KILA, Darius K. (C)	✓			
2. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	✓			
5. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
6. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			✓
7. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	✓			
8. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓			
9. PIERICK, Elijah	✓			
TOTAL (9)	7			2

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

Distribution: Original (White) – Committee Duplicate (Yellow) – Chief Clerk's Office Duplicate (Pink) – HMSO