

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

834

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 158

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 158 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide motor carriers greater flexibility in performing required safety inspections by repealing the requirement that the annual safety inspection for a motor carrier vehicle be completed during the month in which the vehicle's registration is issued.

The Department of Transportation, City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii Transportation Association, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., and Matson Navigation Company testified in support of this bill.

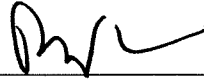
Your Committee finds that companies using motor carrier vehicles have experienced logistical problems in meeting the current law requiring annual safety inspections to be conducted in the same month as the registration renewal for the vehicle. In some instances, these vehicles may be out-of-state or in the possession of customers when the vehicle's registration is due, necessitating additional costs when these vehicles must be transported back to the company for a safety inspection. This bill addresses this issue by requiring safety inspections to be completed once every twelve months, without regard to when the vehicle's registration is issued.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 158 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



