

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1329
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1329 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve the maintenance of the state highway system.

Specifically, the measure generates revenue to fund highway maintenance projects by increasing the state vehicle weight tax as follows:

- (1) From 0.75 cent a pound to 1.75 cents a pound for vehicles up to and including four thousand pounds net weight;
- (2) From 1.00 cent a pound to 2.00 cents a pound for vehicles over four thousand pounds and up to and including seven thousand pounds net weight;
- (3) From 1.25 cents a pound to 2.25 cents a pound for vehicles over seven thousand pounds and up to and including ten thousand pounds net weight; and
- (4) From a flat rate of \$150 to a flat rate of \$300 for vehicles over ten thousand pounds net weight.



This measure also appropriates an unspecified amount from the state highway fund for the operation and maintenance of the state highways program.

Your Committee received comments in opposition to this measure from Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director, Hawaii Transportation Association; and Douglas Meller.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from Gail Y. Haraguchi, Director, Department of Consumer Services, City and County of Honolulu; and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

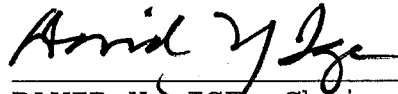
Your Committee finds that as more drivers take to the road and land development spreads to new areas of the State, additional funds are necessary to provide a safe, efficient, and effective state highways system.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for style and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1329, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1329, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1329	Committee Referral: TIA, WAM	Date: 2-25-11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		✓		
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will		✓		
FUKUNAGA, Carol		✓		
KIM, Donna Mercado			✓	
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RYAN, Pohai	✓		✓	
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn		✓		
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	76	4	3	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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