

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1329

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,
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 increase the
state vehicle weight tax, which is deposited into the state
highway fund, 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;

and appropriate moneys from the state highway fund for the
operations and maintenance of the state highways program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Departments of Transportation and Taxation, and the



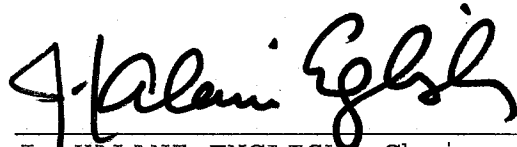
City and County of Honolulu. Testimony in opposition to this measure was received from the Hawaii Transportation Association, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Alamo Rent-A-Car, and National Car Rental in Hawaii. Comments on this measure were received from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Transportation must provide a safe, efficient, and effective land transportation system for the movement of people and goods. However, the maintenance of state highways has not kept pace with the State's growing economy, land use development patterns, and increased demand for travel. Land transportation programs and projects will continue to deteriorate as demand for travel continues to increase. Concomitantly, the costs to manage, construct, and administer the transportation system continue to increase.

This measure improves the Department of Transportation's ability to construct, operate, and maintain the state highway system, including funding capital improvement projects and special maintenance programs. Failure to maintain the state highways could result in a loss of federal funding for highways, including state matching funds for highway federal-aid programs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1329 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs,


J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1329	Committee Referral: TIA, WAM	Date: 1/31/11		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)	✓			
ESPERO, Will (VC)		✓		
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		✓		
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	4	2	1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Will Espero</div>				
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