

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2011

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2968  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2968 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow motor  
vehicle insurance companies to offer discounts on premiums if the  
insured completes a state-approved driver safety course.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Transportation Association. Comments on this  
measure were received from the Department of Commerce and Consumer  
Affairs and one individual.

Your Committee finds that many states allow insurers to offer  
motor vehicle insurance discounts to drivers who complete a driver  
safety course in the classroom or online. However, existing law  
in Hawaii on discriminatory practices in underwriting is silent on  
allowing motor vehicle insurance companies to offer discounts of  
any kind.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that a driver safety course be  
state-approved and removing the involvement of the  
Insurance Commissioner and the Department of  
Transportation in any approval process as your Committee  
believes that each insurer should determine the type and

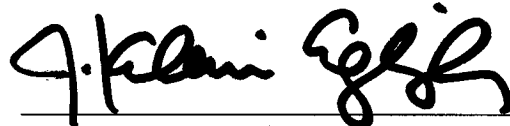


content of the course that would suffice for their purposes;

- (2) Referencing both of the terms "driver safety course" and "driver improvement course" throughout the measure, in the interests of making the measure more comprehensive to accommodate the nomenclature of these types of courses in various insurance policies; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2968, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2968, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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.:* <b>SB 2968</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TIA, CPN</b>	Date: <b>1/30/12</b>		
<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
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)	✓			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>			
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;">  </div>				
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