

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 660

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 871
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 871 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish driver's license reciprocity privileges between Hawaii and foreign countries, which would allow a nonresident operator of a motor vehicle who holds a license to operate a motor vehicle in another country to obtain a Hawaii driver's license to operate a car or truck under certain conditions; and
- (2) Repeal the Driver's License Reciprocity Committee established under section 286-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the ability to drive adds to a person's quality of life in Hawaii and in many other countries. This measure facilitates the ability to drive by providing driver's license reciprocity with other countries under specified conditions. Your Committee further finds that the existing Driver's License Reciprocity Committee is cumbersome, costly, and complicated to administer. As a result, it has never been used

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since its enactment by Act 314, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, despite public interest in driver's license reciprocity.

Your Committee notes the written testimony submitted by the Department of Transportation regarding requiring a nonresident operator of a motor vehicle to be a holder of an international driving permit to qualify for reciprocity. Your Committee has concerns regarding the feasibility of a nonresident obtaining an international driving permit and encourages further discussion on this matter as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting the language suggested by the Department of Transportation that clarifies that the nonresident operator of a motor vehicle who seeks reciprocal licensing privileges shall be a holder of a current and valid license and international driving permit to operate a motor vehicle in the country in which the nonresident operator resides;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion; 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 Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 871, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 871, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			3

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

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