

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 436

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 436 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote highway safety for State Civil Defense and county emergency management personnel by amending the Statewide Traffic Code to include State Civil Defense and county emergency management vehicles in the definition of emergency vehicle, thereby requiring vehicles to slow and change lanes when approaching such emergency vehicles that are stopped to conduct official duties.

The Department of Defense, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Department of Public Safety, Department of Emergency Management of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. A concerned individual testified in opposition to this measure.

Public safety and emergency personnel are responsible for the protection and safety of the general public. This includes state civil defense and county emergency management personnel, especially during times of disaster or civil emergencies. These individuals often find themselves being placed in harm's way, especially when involved with incidents on the roadway. Requiring motorists to change lanes or slow down when approaching the vehicles of these emergency workers when they are stopped on a



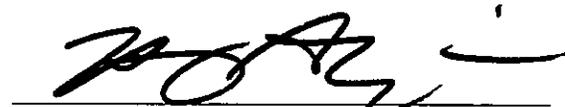
roadway conducting official business would increase the safety of these personnel on our highways.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Public Safety that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 436 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Public Safety,



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

| Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 436</i> | Committee Referral: <i>TRN/PBS, JUD</i> | Date: <i>02/18/2015</i> | | |
|---|--|----------------------------|------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| TRN Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C) | X | | | |
| 2. LOPRESTI, Matthew S. (VC) | X | | | |
| 3. HAR, Sharon E. | X | | | |
| 4. ICHIYAMA, Linda | X | | | |
| 5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling | X | | | |
| 6. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett | X | | | |
| 7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. | X | | | |
| 8. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. | X | | | |
| 9. TAKAYAMA, Gregg | X | | | |
| 10. TAKUMI, Roy M. | X | | | |
| 11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. | X | | | |
| 12. TUPOLA, Andria P.L. | | | | X |
| TOTAL (12) | 11 | | | 1 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small> | | | | |
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| PBS Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C) | / | | | |
| 2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC) | / | | | |
| 3. AQUINO, Henry J.C. | / | | | |
| 4. HAR, Sharon E. | / | | | |
| 5. ICHIYAMA, Linda | / | | | |
| 6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling | / | | | |
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