

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2003

H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Energy, to which was referred H.B. No. 2003, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow a respondent who has a revoked driver's license to operate an employer's vehicle for no more than twelve hours; provided that the respondent's employer provides a sworn statement that the respondent is limited to driving during the specified assigned hours of work.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO; and Hawaii State AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that driving under the influence is a serious offense and there should be serious repercussions for driving under the influence, such as revoking a person's driver's license. However, some employees are required to drive their employer's vehicle for work and could lose their job if they are not allowed to drive a vehicle without an ignition interlock device. To address this issue, the law allows for a special permit for driving a vehicle for work purposes only and limits the amount of driving time to twelve hours per day. Your Committee



finds that some employees might need to drive more than twelve hours per day, such as those working multiple shifts, and that the twelve-hour limit could be too restrictive. Because most employers do not allow drinking at work, allowing an employee to drive for work purposes for more than twelve hours per day will allow the employee to remain employed without increasing the likelihood of the employee driving under the influence.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Energy that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2003, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Energy,


LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and Energy
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB2003 HD1	Committee Referral: TRE, JDC	Date: 3/14/2018		
<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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	X			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Will Espero</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes