

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 611  
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. 611 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE  
OPERATING A VEHICLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow an ignition interlock permit holder to take necessary tests to apply for relicensing during the final thirty days of the revocation period;
- (2) Prohibit the operation of a vehicle with an ignition interlock permit without a state identification card; and
- (3) Prohibit the operation of a vehicle once a notice of administrative revocation that serves as a temporary permit has expired unless the driver has a valid driver's license.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kauai; Police Department, City and County of Honolulu; and Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Hawaii Chapter.

Your Committee finds that currently, a driver whose license is revoked for operating a vehicle under the influence of an

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intoxicant cannot begin the relicensing process until the end of the revocation period. In order to be relicensed, drivers must take the written examination, obtain an instructional permit, and schedule a road test, all of which may take several months. As such, a person may have to wait a significant amount of time before being fully licensed. In the interim, drivers with an ignition interlock device who may drive unsupervised during their revocation period must have a licensed driver with them while they wait for full licensure. Allowing drivers with a valid ignition interlock permit the opportunity to complete their written and road tests prior to the end of their revocation period would create an additional incentive to install an ignition interlock device, leading to safer roadways. In addition, allowing responsible drivers to be fully relicensed immediately following their revocation period provides them with the opportunity to continue driving legally.

Your Committee further finds that currently, drivers who have a valid ignition interlock permit are not required to show any form of photo identification when stopped by law enforcement. Requiring drivers to have a valid State of Hawaii identification card gives law enforcement officers the ability to positively identify drivers with ignition interlock permits and verify the driver's license and permit status.

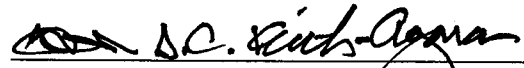
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 611, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 611, S.D. 1.



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



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



