

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 611

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation, 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 record has expired unless the driver has a valid driver's license.

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

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 611 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Breene Hart</i>				
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