

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1424

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 57  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 57, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Codify the requirement for the Director of Transportation to supervise and certify vehicle inspectors and establish standards, examinations, and investigations of vehicle inspectors;
- (2) Temporarily repeal the requirement for reconstructed vehicles to obtain a special inspection and certification; and
- (3) Require the Department of Transportation to report to the Legislature on the effects of the repeal.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, 808 Street Rods, 4Runnation Hawaii, Oahu Motorsports Association, Aloha Mustang & Shelby Club of Hawaii, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Honolulu Police Department.

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Your Committee finds that existing law requires motor vehicles in the State to pass an inspection check to ensure the safety of the driver and passengers in any vehicle on roads of the State. Your Committee further finds that vehicle inspectors are currently regulated under the Department of Transportation's administrative rules. This measure codifies the regulation of vehicle inspectors.

Your Committee further finds that the reconstructed vehicle inspection program no longer serves its intended purposes. The purpose of the reconstructed vehicle inspection program is to ensure that modifications to motor vehicles do not result in a significant degradation of highway safety. However, persons who inspect the vehicles are not engineers and often lack the expertise necessary to make an accurate judgment of the quality of work that was done on the modifications or their ramifications. To compensate for this weakness, the inspectors rely on the Hawaii Administrative Rule that requires the motor vehicle owner to obtain approval of the design plans by a registered professional engineer. However, since vehicle owners typically do not have a design plan and go to the reconstructed vehicle inspection station after the work has been completed, it is virtually impossible to find a registered professional engineer who will accept responsibility for the plans and the work done.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requiring the Department of Transportation to submit a report on the effects of the repeal proposed by this measure no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025, rather than no later than July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 57, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 57, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 57 SD 2 HD 1	Committee Referral: TRN, CPC, FIN	Date: 3/23/21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	11	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Dee Morikawa</i>				
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