

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 21, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1578
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow a shipping container chassis that holds a valid out-of-state certificate of vehicle registration to obtain a certificate of safety inspection; and
- (2) Specify that an out-of-state registration for a shipping container chassis is valid in the State until its expiration in the other state or for one year after a vehicle safety inspection.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Young Brothers, LLC; and Hawaii Harbors Users Group.

Your Committee finds that shipping container chassis are a vital part of the flow of commerce. The chassis ensure that containers and the foods inside can be delivered to businesses in



the State. Due to the nature of intermodal equipment, shipping container chassis are frequently moved from port to port.

Your Committee further finds that almost every other state in the United States recognizes the intermodal, interstate nature of shipping container chassis and recognizes out-of-state license plates and registrations. Allowing out-of-state registered shipping container chassis to obtain a safety check in the State will ensure the safety and roadworthiness of shipping container chassis and ensure the safe and efficient flow of commerce throughout the State, while also requiring the shipping container chassis to be registered in the State within a reasonable time. This measure provides greater flexibility to allow shipping container chassis to operate efficiently and safely in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 2.

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



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



