

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2024

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RE: H.B. No. 1861

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1861 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUMBER PLATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require license plates issued on or after January 1, 2025, to include an 'okina in the word Hawai'i; and
- (2) Authorize the use of all uppercase letters, all lowercase letters, or initial capital letters in license plates.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the City and County of Honolulu Department of Customer Services and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the correct spelling of Hawai'i includes an 'okina. This measure would ensure that the word Hawai'i is correctly spelled on state license plates, in support of the ongoing effort to expand the use of Hawaiian diacritical marks in other areas of government and in government records.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1861, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1861, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Culture, Arts, &  
International Affairs,



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ADRIAN K. TAM, Chair



