

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2024

MAR 01

RE: H.B. No. 2493

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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to create two new commercial driver's license restrictions relating to operating a commercial motor vehicle in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating and operating a commercial motor vehicle on Lanai and Molokai only.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that getting a standard commercial driver's license (CDL) on Molokai and Lanai is impossible without traveling to another island for testing. This results in high out-of-pocket travel costs for CDL applicants and a shortage of CDL licensed drivers. Furthermore, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has determined that a modified CDL road test on Lanai and Molokai would not meet the federal standard. Accordingly, this measure creates a new CDL restriction for persons operating commercial motor vehicles on Lanai and Molokai only.



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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



