

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3688

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2493
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent 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 commercial driver's license testing on Lanai and Molokai has been determined by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association to not meet federal standards. Your Committee further finds that specific driving skills needed to operate commercial motor vehicles, including the ability to choose a safe gap for changing lanes, passing other vehicles, and crossing or entering traffic and the ability to signal appropriately when changing direction in traffic, cannot be tested due to the lack of highway infrastructure. By creating a two-tiered licensing system, this measure will increase roadway safety



and allow individuals to continue to obtain commercial driver's licenses to operate on Lanai and Molokai.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its severability clause;
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2493 HD 2	TCA, JDC	04/04/24		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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