

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 468

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 155

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B.
No. 155 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide an environmentally friendly strategy for the lighting of Hawaii's streets, highways, and harbors by requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to comply with county ordinance and standards relating to outdoor lighting.

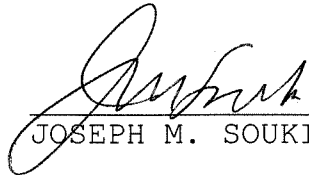
The University of Hawaii testified in support of this bill. The Department of Transportation opposed this measure.

Artificial lighting is increasing on all of the major Hawaiian Islands as metropolitan centers increase. This increase in artificial light, especially from light sources at Hawaii's airports and harbors, and along Hawaii's highways, now threaten the ability of the telescopes along Mauna Kea and Haleakala to study the night sky. Your Committee finds that DOT's compliance with county lighting ordinances, along with the use of fully shielded lighting fixtures, will conserve energy and resources while maintaining appropriate outdoor lighting suitable for safety, utility, and security. Moreover, these fully shielded lighting fixtures are environmentally friendly and are currently in use on the H3 freeway.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 155 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



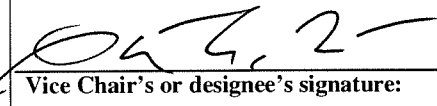
JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 155		Date: 2-12-07		
Committee Referral: TRN, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. EVANS, Cindy	/			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	/			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
8. NAKASONE, Bob	/			
9. SONSON, Alex M.	/			
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	/			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				/
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose		/		
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	/			
TOTAL	11	1		1
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:				
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