STAND. COM. REP. NO. 139

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1427

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1427 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to change the minimum headlamp height requirement from twenty-four to twenty-two inches, and to delete the requirement that a license plate be attached no lower than twelve inches above the ground.

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

Your Committee finds that some new vehicles are manufactured with headlamps that are less than twenty-four inches but not less than twenty-two inches above the road surface. Lowering the height requirement will legalize the operation of these new vehicles without compromising the required visibility at night. The twenty-two inch requirement is congruent with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 108, which supercedes state law.

Your Committee further finds that the height requirement for license plates is not necessary as long as the plates are clearly visible and reasonably clean as required by current law.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the

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intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1427, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,

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The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Transportation and International Affairs TIA

Bill / Resolution No.:* I+B 1427 (H5(R755)	Committee Referral:		Date: 3/19/07	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
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ESPERO, Will				
HOOSER, Gary L.				
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Thank R. Anonye				
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