STAND. COM. REP. NO. /023

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 2 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1529 S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 1529, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the civil adjudication of civil traffic infractions.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes that the district court may adjudicate civil traffic infractions charged against minors;
- (2) Applies the civil standard of proof for civil traffic infraction trials;
- (3) Remedies difficulties encountered by certain district courts in complying with concurrent scheduling requirements for civil and related criminals proceedings
- (4) Protects a defendant's privilege against selfincrimination;
- (5) Promotes consistency in processing and adjudicating moving and non-moving civil traffic infractions; and
- (6) Permits the use of electronic citations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this bill from the Judiciary and from Catrala-Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this bill would provide clear, unambiguous, and consistent methods of processing traffic infractions in a more expedient and less burdensome manner, while ensuring protections against self-incrimination for defendants.

Your Committee amended the bill at the recommendation from the Judiciary and Catrala-Hawaii to remove the car rental companies and the U-drive companies from liability for the violations of their renters.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1529, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1529, S.D. 2.

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

CLAYTON HEE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary and Labor JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* Committee Referral: Date: SB 1529 SD1 TIA, JOL 3/2/07				
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
HEE, Clayton (C)	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)				
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				
GABBARD, Mike				
TOTAL	4			/
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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