STAND. COM. REP. NO. 464

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fe715, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 332

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. 332 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to control excessive vehicular noises by:

- (1) Providing drivers an option to turn off audible reverse warning systems between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. if the vehicle is guided by a person, other than the driver of the vehicle, who is behind the vehicle and has a clear view of both vehicle's rearward path and the vehicle's driver; and
- (2) Requiring that any switch permitting the audible reverse warning system to be manually disengaged shall automatically turn itself off after a fixed period of time and automatically engage the audible reverse warning system.

An individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Transportation (DOT) supported the intent of this bill. The Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) submitted comments and concerns on this measure.

Noise pollution has become a big problem in Hawaii, especially in the late evening and early morning hours. Many of

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the sources of this noise can be attributed to motor vehicles, in particular warning devices that are used when a vehicle is reversing. While your Committee recognizes the safety concerns raised by HTA, allowing reverse audible warning devices to be disengaged when someone is guiding the driver when a vehicle is reversing may reduce noise without compromising safety.

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. 332 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

WSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fourth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 332	Date: 2-12-07
Committee Referral: TRN, JUD	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments
Hold	 Pass, with amendments, for recommittal 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 2
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.	
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└Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	
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