

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

182

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2009

RE: S.B. No. 714
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation, International and
Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 714
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow all motor vehicles,
regardless of number of persons on board, to use high occupancy
vehicle lanes or zipper lanes when one or more lanes of traffic
have been shut down by law enforcement officers or emergency
services personnel.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual. Testimony in opposition was received from
the Department of Transportation. Copies of written testimony are
available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that many traffic incidents cause
closure of lanes, whether accidents, car crashes, stalled
vehicles, or other issues. This reduction of available travel
lanes slows traffic significantly. Allowing the use of the high
occupancy vehicle lanes or zipper lanes to any motor vehicle,
regardless of the number of passengers when an incident occurs
would be the most effective use of lanes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting two miles from an accident or incident as the radius within which the shutdown of a laned roadway may give rise to the use of a high occupancy vehicle lane or zipper lane by a vehicle, regardless of the number of persons carried; and
- (2) Conferring authority upon the Director of Transportation to declare an emergency to allow the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes or zipper lanes by vehicles, regardless of the number of persons carried, during emergencies.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 714, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 714, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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


J. KARANI ENGLISH, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 714</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">TIA</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-4-09</div>		
<div><input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____</div>				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div></div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">Mike Gabbard</div>				
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