

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2449  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2449, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the statutory requirements for provisional driver's licenses for persons who are at least 16 and under 18 years of age.

This measure also clarifies that a provisional licensee may be issued a driver's license upon turning 18 years of age, regardless of whether the provisional licensee has held the provisional driver's license for six months.

The purpose of provisional licensing is to improve traffic safety by establishing a driver licensing program consisting of graduated driver licensing in three stages for persons under the age of eighteen. Act 72, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, is currently



scheduled to sunset on January 9, 2011. The sunset date was added to Act 72 to enable the Department of Transportation and Department of Health to compile and analyze all traffic and accident data to determine the effectiveness of this graduated licensing program in reducing traffic fatalities and accidents in the State.

Since the enactment of Act 72, the number of deaths among teens involved in collisions was reduced by sixty per cent for sixteen year olds and the same for seventeen year olds. The number of lives saved attributable to Act 72, as well as the number of crashes reduced, is proof positive of Act 72's effectiveness.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by deleting the savings clause, and by making a technical, clarifying amendment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2449, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2449, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

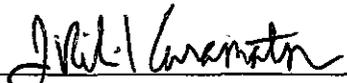
Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

  
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JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Co-Chair

  
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