Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 946

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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Energy, to which was referred H.B. No. 946, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to specify that any driver who violates the high occupancy vehicle lane law shall be deemed to have committed a traffic infraction and shall be subject to a \$150 fine.

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

Your Committee finds that under the existing law, drivers who drive in a high occupancy lane in violation of the law are subject to an initial fine of \$75. This measure increases the fine to a flat rate of \$150.

Your Committee further finds that the increase in the fine will act as a deterrent for those drivers who violate the law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Energy that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 946, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 946, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)					,
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
HARIMOTO, Breene				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair sol Designee's Signature.					
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