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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 363

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 S.B. No. 363 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the fines imposed for violations of use of mobile electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that use of a mobile electronic device while driving is a threat to the health and safety of the device operator and that of others on the roadway. Your Committee finds that despite the imposition of fines for violations, drivers continue to use mobile electronic devices while driving. This measure increases fines in an effort to further deter this activity.

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 S.B. No. 363 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

## The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Transportation and Energy TRE

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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			*		
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.					
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TOTAL		4			
Recommendation:					
Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					

<sup>\*</sup>Only one measure per Record of Votes