

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2441

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2714

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Energy, to which was referred S.B. No. 2714 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exclude the weight of vehicle modifications made to assist a person with a disability to enter or exit the vehicle from the determination of net weight for non-commercial vehicles for the purpose of levying state and county motor vehicle weight taxes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communications Access Board and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that residents with a disability or their families often have a vehicle with extra weight, due to the lifts, ramps, motors, and vehicle chassis reinforcements needed to accommodate ingress and egress in the vehicle by the person with a disability. Your Committee believes that it is a hardship for these residents to pay more in vehicle weight taxes simply for needing a lift or ramp in their vehicle. This measure will offer some tax relief to disabled individuals and families who retrofit their vehicles to meet their or their loved one's accessibility needs.



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. 2714 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2714</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">TRE, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/14/2018</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	X			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TOTAL	<div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">4</div>			<div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">1</div>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 10px;">Will Espero</div>				
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