STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3393

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 4 2018

RE: S.C.R. No. 186 S.D. 1

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.C.R. No. 186 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT PARTICIPANTS IN PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS OTHER THAN RECOGNIZED EVENTS SUCH AS MARATHONS AND PARADES FOLLOW TRAFFIC LAWS WHEN CROSSING STREETS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to keep motorists and participants in marches, rallies, and public demonstrations safe, by:

- (1) Requesting demonstrators to follow traffic laws and public safety ordinances when crossing streets; and
- (2) Urging law enforcement to consider the safety and convenience of demonstrators and motorists.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that public demonstrations have played a significant role in shaping the United States. However, while such demonstrations are protected by the Constitution, the right to peaceably assemble is not absolute; restrictions can be placed on the time, place, and manner of peaceable assembly in order to keep the community safe. This measure emphasizes the need to

balance the rights of demonstrators and the safety and security of the public by requesting demonstrators to be mindful of traffic laws and public safety ordinances and law enforcement to consider the well-being of demonstrators and motorists. Your Committee notes that a recent demonstration with a significant number of demonstrators resulted in traffic congestion when a stream of demonstrators ignored traffic signals as they crossed the street.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting demonstrators to follow traffic laws and public safety ordinances in general, as opposed to just when crossing streets;
- (2) Applying the request to "permitted" events, as opposed to "recognized" events; and
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 186, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 186, S.D. 1.

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

## Record of Votes Committee on Transportation and Energy TRE

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:		Date:		
SCR 186	TRE		04/02/2018		
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended X Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (W	R) Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)		X			
ESPERO, Will (VC)		X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					X
HARIMOTO, Breene					X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		K			
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TOTAL		3			2
Recommendation:    X   Adopted   Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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