

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3696

Honolulu, Hawaii

JUN 26 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2750
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2750, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MONETARY OBLIGATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the imposition of "stoppers", which are restrictions on a person's ability to obtain or renew a driver's license or register, renew the registration of, or transfer or receive title to a motor vehicle, as a penalty for unpaid monetary obligations, such as non-parking related traffic tickets. This measure is not intended to affect driver's license suspensions related to excessive speeding, lack of motor vehicle insurance, or noncompliance with a child support order.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kaua'i; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Pono Hawai'i Initiative; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Parents and Children Together; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; Smart Justice; LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; We Are One, Inc.; and thirty-five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary and Office of Hawaiian Affairs.



Your Committee finds that stoppers are ineffective and counterproductive because the inability to obtain or renew a driver's license prevents people who have not committed a crime from getting to work, picking up their children, keeping medical appointments, and ultimately escaping debt. Your Committee believes that individuals should not be subjected to substantial and undue hardship because they cannot afford to pay a monetary fine.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of September 1, 2020.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2750, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2750, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

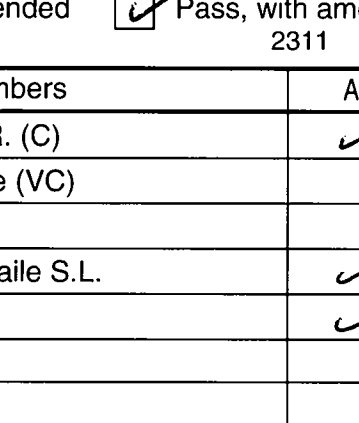
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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HB2750, HD2	TRS, JDC	6/24/20	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____			
The Recommendation is:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay
Excused			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓		
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)			✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani			✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓		
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓		
TOTAL	3		2
Recommendation:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	
Chair's or Designee's Signature:			
			
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