

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2639  
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 Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2639, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOWING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to protect consumers from predatory towing practices by:

- (1) Adding definitions to provide clarification of existing statutes governing towing;
- (2) Requiring tow and storage companies to accept credit cards; and
- (3) Adopting penalties consistent with unfair practices pursuant to section 480-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that predatory towing is a combination of various unethical practices used by some towing companies to maximize their profits, including using spotters to immediately tow cars in violation, charging excessive fees, and making private side deals with parking lot owners. This measure amends existing statutory language to protect consumers from predatory towing practices.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2639, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirtieth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
 Committee on Judiciary  
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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** 2312       **Pass, with amendments** 2311       **Hold** 2310       **Recommit** 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>

Recommendation:       **Adopted**       **Not Adopted**

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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