

Honolulu, Hawaii , 2021 FEB 19

H.B. No. 290 RE: H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, to which was referred H.B. No. 290 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLE WEIGHT TAXES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the military exemption for vehicle weight taxes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Defense.

Your Committee finds that the exemption provides an important benefit for the National Guard, military reserves, and military personnel claiming Hawaii as their residence. However, all users of the state highway system should contribute to its upkeep, and in 2019 alone, the exemption resulted in a reduction in state highway fund revenues of approximately \$478,000. Your Committee further finds that retaining the military exemption for the vehicle weight tax for another ten years strikes an appropriate balance.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:



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- (1) Providing that the exemption shall be repealed on June 30, 2031; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 290, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 290, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans,

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans

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1. OHNO, Takashi (C)	X			
2. GANADEN, Sonny (VC)				
3. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana				
4. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
5. KONG, Sam Satoru				Х Х
6. MORIKAWA, Dee		in an		
7. TARNAS, David A.	X		2 S	
8. McDERMOTT, Bob			X	
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