

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1046
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 1046 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the vehicle weight tax exemption for noncommercial vehicles by removing the exemption for military reserves and other active duty military personnel and replacing it with an exemption for certain veterans.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense Office of Veterans' Services, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the United States Indo-Pacific Command, United States Army Pacific Headquarters, and Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that active duty military, reservists, and National Guard members who claim legal residency in Hawaii and are stationed in the State may exempt one privately owned vehicle from the state vehicle weight tax. Presently, the exemption mirrors the federal government, which authorizes one vehicle to be



shipped as a result of permanent change of station orders, regardless of family size.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Retaining the vehicle weight tax exemption for military reserves and other active duty military personnel;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1046, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1046, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB1046	TCA, WAM	2/7/23		
<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
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	4		1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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