

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 , 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 145  
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 145, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF  
ELIMINATING THE STATE'S SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
MOTOR VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of  
Transportation to study the feasibility and advisability of  
eliminating the State's safety inspection requirements for motor  
vehicles.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Transportation and two individuals. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot  
Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that motor vehicle safety inspections  
are a tool designed to ensure all motor vehicles meet minimum  
safety standards. Currently, it is unclear whether the costs of  
overseeing and enforcing motor vehicle safety inspections are  
justified by the benefits of inspection, as vehicle component  
failure is a factor in a very small percentage of motor vehicle  
accidents in the State and nationally. Other factors, such as

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alcohol, speed, and distracted driving, are the leading causes of fatal traffic accidents in the State. Your Committee therefore finds that a study should be conducted to determine the feasibility of eliminating the State's safety inspection requirements while also looking at alternatives to ensure the safety of all roadway users.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 145, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

*for* 

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CHRIS TODD, Chair



