

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2023

RE: S.B. No. 214  
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. 214 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the offense of interference with the operation of a public transit vehicle.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu and Honolulu Police Department.

Your Committee finds that the counties operate multimodal transit services that support the health and well-being of residents and visitors, and provide essential business and activities statewide while also providing reliable transportation services. Existing law establishes the offense of interference with the operator of a public transit vehicle, which involves conduct that injures or threatens the operator of a public transit vehicle. However, conduct that impedes the public transit system is not similarly addressed. To ensure that the operation of public transit vehicles are also protected from intentional damage, this measure establishes the offense of interference with the operation of a public transit vehicle.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the damage of a public transit vehicle resulting in the vehicle's removal of service or unreasonable interruption of a public transit system or service shall be construed as the offense of interference with the operation of a public transit vehicle; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 214, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 214, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



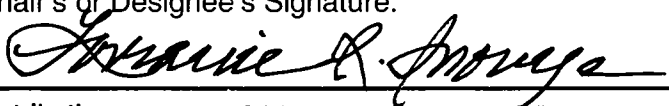
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CHRIS LEE, Chair



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.:* <b>SB 214</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TCA, JDC</b>	Date: <b>02/09/23</b>		
<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.	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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