

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2456

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2097
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2097 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the regulation of motor carriers by the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Pacific Transfer, LLC.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Transportation Association; Aloha Trucking, Inc; B & C Trucking Co., Ltd; EC Trucking LLC; E Noa Corporation; Guava Express Inc.; Moniz Trucking LLC; Pohaku Equipment Services LLC; and Polynesian Adventure Tours, LLC.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; and Ho'omana Pono, LLC.

Your Committee finds that existing state law requires regulation of the motor carrier industry to be conducted by the Public Utilities Commission. Your Committee further finds that there may be problems with the enforcement of motor carriers. This measure will address that problem by transferring



authorization to regulate motor carriers to the counties. However, your Committee finds that transfer of this regulation may be premature at this time and believe that greater insight is necessary before enacting such a measure. Therefore, your Committee finds it necessary to convene a task force to further study this issue.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting language that establishes a task force to study motor carrier industry regulation in the State; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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. 2097, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2097, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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

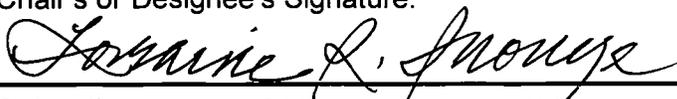


CHRIS LEE, Chair



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.:* SB2097	Committee Referral: TCA, CPN	Date: 2-6-2024		
<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.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	3	1	1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes