STAND. COM. REP. NO. 269

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024 RE: S.B. No. 2201 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. 2201 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUMBER PLATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require license plates to include okinas and authorize the use of all uppercase letters, all lowercase letters, or initial capital letters in motor vehicle license plates.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu, and Ulupono Initiative.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department.

Your Committee finds that existing law does not permit the inclusion of the 'okina on license plates. Your Committee recognizes the importance of diacritical marks to both native and second language speakers of Hawaiian language. This measure therefore will support the broader implementation of Hawaiian diacritical marks across more aspects of the state government, including license plates.



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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Limiting special number plates for environmental conservation to electric vehicles only, with all the benefits and restrictions of electric vehicle plates; 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. 2201, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2201, 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 Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts TCA

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee	Referral:	D	ate:/	
SB 2201	TCA,	WAM		1/30/2	2024
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is: /					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)		∇			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)					
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.			_		
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