

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 56  
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 56, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUDIBLE VEHICLE REVERSE WARNING SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the use of broadband audible reverse warning systems (back-up beepers) on state and county-owned vehicles purchased on or after January 1, 2026; and
- (2) Authorize the Director of Transportation to provide an exemption in the event broadband sirens are unavailable.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that studies have determined that a traditional tonal back-up beeper is inefficient in alerting people to a reversing vehicle. Your Committee further finds that the broadband sound is both better in preventing fatalities and reducing noise pollution in the surrounding area because the broadband sound system allows for a variety of sounds and the focusing of the alarm's sound. This measure will help protect the State's residents from disruptive noise pollution and utilize



safer vehicular reversing practices by requiring the use of broadband reversing alarms instead of tonal alarms.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 56, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 56, S.D. 2.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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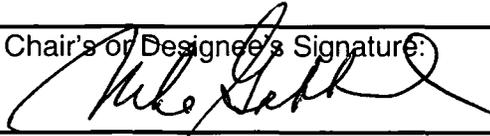
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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