

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1577
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize towing companies to charge additional amounts for overturned vehicles.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Towing Inc.; Aizeah'z Towing; SS Towing HI; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that tow truck operators provide a variety of roadside assistance services to motorists, including on-demand passenger car towing, commercial vehicle towing, and roadside vehicle repair. They also perform essential traffic incident management functions in coordination with fire, police, and emergency medical services in the aftermath of motor vehicle crashes by removing disabled vehicles, clearing incident debris, and cleaning up spilled cargo. Your Committee further finds that overturned vehicles present unique challenges for tow truck operators. In these instances, experience and specialized equipment allow tow truck operators to efficiently and safely



remove the vehicles. This measure authorizes an additional fee for these challenging tows.

Your Committee notes that the additional charge allowable to towing companies under this measure is currently unspecified. Your Committee also notes that during the public hearing on this measure, a suggestion from a towing company was for this charge to be \$300.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



