

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

372

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1259
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1259 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to specify that an engineering study is not required to be considered when reducing the maximum speed limit within ten miles per hour of the existing speed limit for that road.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing requirements for an engineering study before reducing speed limits creates a delay in implementing necessary traffic safety measures. This requirement can be particularly burdensome when modest speed limit reductions, such as those within ten miles per hour of the existing speed limit, are warranted to improve road safety. This measure is crucial to allow more efficient adjustments to speed limits, thereby enhancing public safety without unnecessary procedural obstacles.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

2025-1354 HB1259 HD1 HSCR HMSO



- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1259, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1259, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



DARIUS KILA, Chair



