

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 226
H.D. 3

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 226, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WINDSHIELD TINTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit a person from installing, mounting, adhering, affixing, or using any sun screening device in conjunction with the glazing material of a motor vehicle with mirrored, metallic, red, yellow, amber, or blue tint;
- (2) Require all drivers and passengers of motor vehicles with applied tint to fully roll down their windows when stopped by a law enforcement officer at a traffic stop;
- (3) Lower the minimum light transmittance levels for sun screening devices on certain motor vehicles;
- (4) Exempt side windows to the rear of the driver and rear windows on sedans from sun screening device requirements; and

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- (5) Increase the minimum and maximum fines for violating sun screening device requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; T&T Tinting Specialists, Inc.; Kaloko Tinting LLC; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing regulations that permit window tints with a light transmittance limit of thirty-five percent fail to adequately address the growing concerns surrounding vehicle interior heat due to climate change. However, your Committee acknowledges the impact darker tints have on visibility for drivers and its potential safety concerns with law enforcement officers. Your Committee believes that this measure strikes a balance between mitigating heat-related issues and ensuring public safety by prohibiting certain high-reflectivity and low-transmittance tints, while also implementing stricter enforcement measures.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 226, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 226, H.D. 3.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



