

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 228
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and
Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 228, H.D. 1, S.D. 1,
entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit the use of license plate flipping devices; and
- (2) Establish minimum and maximum fines.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Law Enforcement, Department of
Transportation, and one individual.

Your Committees find that license plate flipping devices are
mechanisms that allow drivers to switch, conceal, or alter their
vehicle's license plates while driving. These devices are
primarily used to evade law enforcement, avoid tolls, circumvent
traffic cameras, and facilitate criminal activities. These
devices have been a growing concern for law enforcement and their
ability to properly identify vehicles involved in criminal
activities. Your Committees further find that license plate
visibility and integrity are essential components of the State's



traffic safety system. This measure closes loopholes to prohibit the use of license plate flipping devices and establish fines to deter those who might consider using such devices to evade identification.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

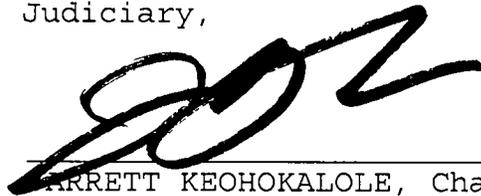
- (1) Adding a definition for "cover or shield"; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 228, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 228, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Commerce and
Consumer Protection and
Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



ARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



