

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 215
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 215 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOWING COMPANIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Change the fees that a towing company may charge to tow vehicles left unattended on private and public property;
- (2) Allow a towing company or parking management company to charge a fee for the placement or removal of vehicle immobilization devices; and
- (3) Require that fees for the placement or removal of vehicle immobilization devices be accepted from a vehicle owner in cash, or by credit card or debit card, and a vehicle owner shall not be directed to use an on-site automated teller machine in lieu of making payment by credit card or debit card.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Consumer Protection of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Insurers Council.

Your Committee finds that this measure will grant struggling towing companies the flexibility to address the realities of towing and parking management.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have allowed towing companies to charge payment for the installation and removal of car immobilization devices;
- (2) Prohibiting towing and parking management companies from installing or removing immobilization devices;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 215, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 215, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



