STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3694

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2020
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWAL OF DRIVER'S LICENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

(1) Require certain applicants for driver's license renewal to complete an educational course that includes a road safety video developed by the Department of Transportation and a written examination;

(2) Authorize the Department of Transportation to develop and implement a system to randomly require applicants for renewal of a driver's license to complete a written examination; and

(3) Require a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender and three individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that driver's license examinations test an applicant's ability to understand highway signs, knowledge of traffic laws and ordinances, and other essential road safety knowledge. Requiring an applicant who has received a moving violation within the five-year period prior to their application for driver's license renewal is necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to continue operating a motor vehicle. This measure will reinforce the importance of ongoing driver education to enhance roadway safety.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of March 22, 2075, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

☐ Pass, unamended 2312 ☑ Pass, with amendments 2311 ☐ Hold 2310 ☐ Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				✓
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	3	0	1	1

Recommendation: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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