

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1696
H.D. 2
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

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

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1696, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Lower the age of who may drive commercially within the State from nineteen to eighteen;
- (2) Repeal the requirement that a person only operates category 3 vehicles to qualify to drive commercially in the State;
- (3) Prohibit a person under twenty-one years of age from operating a commercial motor vehicle outside of a registered apprenticeship program as determined by the

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Department of Labor and Industrial Relations or a structured, on-the-job training program administered by the person's employer that meets certain requirements; and

- (4) Require the Department of Transportation to amend its rules to lower the minimum age required for a commercial driver's license.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing its effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1696, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1696, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



LORRAINE R. INOUE
Chair



KARL RHOADS
Co-Chair



DARIUS KILA
Co-Chair



DAVID A. TARNAS
Co-Chair



Hawaii State Legislature

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Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure


The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.


Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
INOUE, Lorraine R., Chr.	✓				KILA, Darius K., Co-Chr.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓				TARNAS, David A., Co-Chr.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓				MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓			
TOTAL	3				TOTAL	3			

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is:
 Adopted Not Adopted

House Recommendation is:
 Adopted Not Adopted

Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:


House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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