

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2023
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2023 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning with the 2030 model year, require new passenger vehicles to be equipped with passive intelligent speed assistance systems; and
- (2) Beginning July 1, 2030:
 - (A) Make circumventing or tampering with an active intelligent speed assistance system a misdemeanor;
 - (B) Require the Department of Transportation to select a vendor for the installation and maintenance of active intelligent speed assistance systems; and
 - (C) Allow the Judiciary to impose the installation of active intelligent speed assistance systems as an additional penalty and as part of a license suspension or revocation for repeat offenders of certain traffic violations.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; AAA Hawai'i; and Smart Start LLC. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender and Alliance for Automotive Innovation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Automotive Dealers Association.

Your Committee finds that speeding continues to be a major contributor to traffic-related injuries and deaths in the State and the existing enforcement tools to deter speeding have a limited long-term rate of success. Traditional enforcement methods alone have proven insufficient in deterring high-risk behaviors such as street racing and reckless speeding.

Your Committee further finds that intelligent speed assistance systems offer an effective technological solution to prevent dangerous speeding and promote compliance with posted speed limits. This measure takes a proactive approach by establishing certain requirements for intelligent speed assistance systems to reduce excessive speeding, save lives, and modernize Hawaii's traffic safety strategy through targeted use of proven technology.

Your Committee notes the concerns regarding the installation of intelligent speed assistance systems in older vehicles.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting provisions that would have required, beginning with the 2030 model year, new passenger vehicles to be equipped with passive intelligent speed assistance systems;
- (2) Authorizing the Department of Transportation to implement the provisions regarding active intelligent speed assistance systems prior to July 1, 2030;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.



Your Committee further requests the Department of Transportation to:

- (1) Specify a recommended threshold of prior violations that would authorize the court to order the installation of an active intelligent speed assistance system, as the court should retain discretion to order the installation at any time, including in the absence of prior violations; and
- (2) Work with the Judiciary and Office of the Public Defender to address concerns regarding criminal penalties for circumventing or tampering with active intelligent speed assistance systems for individuals who are tampering with those systems for reasons other than to violate highway speed laws.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2023, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2023, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



DARIUS KILA, Chair



