

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 96

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.C.R. No. 96 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER MOVING TO A DEMERIT POINTS-BASED
DRIVER'S LICENSING SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of
Transportation to consider moving to a demerit points-based
driver's licensing system.

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

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has experienced a troubling
increase in traffic fatalities, with recent data reflecting the
highest number of deaths in over a decade. The State's current
traffic abstract system provides limited ongoing accountability
for unsafe driving practices and may not effectively deter repeat
violations. Your Committee further finds that demerit point
systems, which are widely used across the United States, have been
shown to improve driver behavior by establishing clear, continuous
consequences for traffic violations while also encouraging driver
education and rehabilitation. This measure urges the Department
of Transportation to consider transitioning to a demerit points-



based driver's licensing system to enhance roadway safety and reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 96 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



DARIUS KILA, Chair



