

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2053
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

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

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

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2053, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

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) Authorize supporting documents used to transfer ownership of a motor vehicle to an insurance company after payment of damages from the result of a total loss insurance settlement to be signed electronically; and
- (2) Require insurance companies to indemnify and hold harmless the Director of Finance for any claims resulting from the issuance of motor vehicle titles utilizing documents signed electronically without a notary.



Your Committee on Conference finds that the current requirement for notarized signatures on title transfer documents creates unnecessary delays and burdens for vehicle owners and insurance companies. By authorizing the use of electronic signatures, this measure will align the State's motor vehicle title transfer process with widely accepted digital transaction standards across government and private sector operations.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective on July 1, 2027.

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 S.B. No. 2053, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2053, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



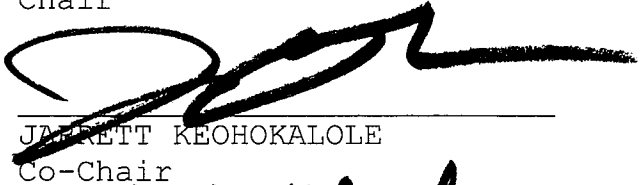
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Conference Committee

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

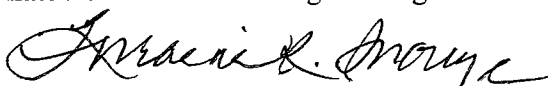

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
INOUE, Lorraine R., Chr.	✓				<i>KILA, Darius, Co-Chair</i>	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett, Co-Chr.	✓				<i>MATAYOSHI, Scott Co-Chair</i>	✓			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓				<i>PIERICK, Elijah</i>	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓								
TOTAL	4	0	0	0	TOTAL	3	0	0	0

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

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 
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