

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2139

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2355
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 Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 2355 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLE SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Director of Transportation to adopt rules allowing for mobile vehicle safety inspections.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from four individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that existing administrative rules adopted by the Department of Transportation require that vehicle safety inspections be performed at a licensed site. Your Committee further finds that vehicle owners seeking a vehicle safety inspection are subject to the availability of safety inspectors; therefore, authorizing mobile vehicle safety inspections will provide greater flexibility for vehicle owners and safety inspectors. Accordingly, this measure will allow vehicle safety inspections to occur at a location determined by the vehicle owner and inspector, creating a more convenient



experience for vehicle owners and improving compliance with safety inspection requirements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the Department of Transportation to adopt rules allowing for mobile vehicle safety inspections of motor carrier vehicles;
- (2) Inserting language specifying that the Department of Transportation shall adopt rules allowing for mobile vehicle safety inspections of passenger cars; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 2355, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2355, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2355	TRS, JDC/WAM	02/03/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo				✓
LEE, Chris	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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