

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2136

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2463
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. 2463 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to lower the blood alcohol content threshold for driving while under the influence of an intoxicant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor, Department of Transportation, Department of Health, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui, one member of the Hawai'i County Council, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Hina Mauka, Big Island Substance Abuse Council, SparksInitiative, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, FiA Foundation, Kids and Car Safety, National Safety Council, Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, and thirteen individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Lanikai Brewing Company LLC; Maui Brewing Co.; Big Island Brewhaus; Maui Chamber



of Commerce; Kaua'i Island Brewing Company, LLC; Hawai'i Restaurant Association; and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from Kona Brewing Co. and one individual.

Your Committee finds that in most adults, a blood alcohol content of 0.05 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or per 210 liters of breath significantly impairs skills including divided attention, braking, tracking, perception, and reaction time. Your Committee further finds that according to a meta-analysis of studies on blood alcohol content reduction, states with a blood alcohol content limit of 0.05 experienced fewer fatal alcohol-related crashes. This measure will separate the acts of drinking and driving to enhance road safety for all users.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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. 2463, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2463, 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. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
 Committee on Transportation
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2463	Committee Referral: TRS, JDC	Date: 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: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes