

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3476

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2026

RE: S.R. No. 137

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.R. No. 137 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE WHETHER THE STATE SHOULD IMPLEMENT A DEMERIT POINT SYSTEM FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to convene a taskforce to evaluate whether the State should implement a demerit point system for traffic violations.

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

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that the State has experienced a significant increase in traffic incidents involving bodily injury or death. Other jurisdictions have implemented a demerit point system with graduated penalties for traffic violations to incentivize safer driving behavior and reduce repeat offenses. This measure will support improvements to public safety on the State's roads.



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 S.R. No. 137 and recommends its adoption.

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.:* SR 137	Committee Referral: TRS	Date: 03/24/26		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	5	0	0	0
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