

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1899

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1899 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF SAFETY HELMETS BY MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance the health and safety of moped riders under the age of 18 by requiring the use of a safety helmet when operating a moped on a highway, street, or any other public property.

The Honolulu Police Department testified in support of this bill. A concerned individual opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:


- (1) Deleting the purpose language;
- (2) Requiring safety helmets to meet the specifications and requirements established by rules adopted by the Director of Transportation, rather than meeting federal standards;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2006, to encourage further discussion; and



- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1899, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1899, H.D. 1.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



