

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1953

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1953 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety by requiring that:

- (1) Flashing yellow lights be placed near driveways of all public schools; and
- (2) Traffic control signals be placed at all crosswalks around public schools and elderly housing projects.

The Kailua Neighborhood Board and concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Transportation supported the intent of this measure.

Pedestrian safety has been a growing concern in Hawaii. Recent pedestrian accident tragedies, along with the increasing number of pedestrians being injured or killed over the last several years, point to a need to increase pedestrian safety. Your Committee finds that areas around schools and elderly housing areas are places that are more susceptible to serious accidents. It is the hope that by installing flashing yellow lights near school driveways and traffic control signals at crosswalks around schools and elderly housing areas will enhance traffic and pedestrian safety.

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While your Committee recognizes that other areas besides driveways may serve as an access to and from a school and that there are tremendous cost implications involved in carrying out the purposes of this bill, public safety is the primary concern of this measure and therefor deserves further discussion. Your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Judiciary evaluate the implications of broadening the scope of this measure.

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 H.B. No. 1953 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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




JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-third Legislature

HSCR 198-04

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1953		Date: 2/06/06		
Committee Referral: TRN, JUD, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk	✓			
4. CHONG, Pono	✓			
5. ITO, Ken	✓			
6. NAKASONE, Bob				✓
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	✓			
8. TANAKA, Kameo	✓			
9. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
10. MOSES, Mark S.	✓			
11. STEVENS, Anne V.	✓			
TOTAL	10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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