

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2075  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 2075, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the implementation  
of a safe, continuous, and coordinated system of bikeways by  
earmarking a percentage of the state highway fund for bikeways.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Transportation, Peoples Advocacy for Trails  
Hawaii, Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition, TEAM Try Fitness!,  
Hawaii Bicycling League, Na Kama Hele, and twelve individuals.  
Comments were received from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that that bicycling is growing in  
importance as a mode of transportation. Bicycling has many  
benefits, including:

- (1) Improved mobility, especially for those who cannot or  
choose not to drive;
- (2) Lower road maintenance costs;
- (3) Less traffic congestion;
- (4) Less road widening and fewer parking lots;



- (5) Improved air quality; and
- (6) Improved health and reduced health costs.

With rising gasoline prices, many people are looking for an alternative method of transportation. It is far less expensive to operate a bicycle than to operate an automobile.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the expenditure of at least two percent of federally allocated moneys to be expended for bikeways from the state highway fund;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Transportation to include the bicycling community in a public involvement process to plan bikeways;
- (3) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2075, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2075, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
Government Operations,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



