

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 1823
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1823 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety, especially for children, by:

- (1) Establishing in the Department of Transportation (DOT):
 - (A) A Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program (Program);
and
 - (B) A temporary advisory committee (Committee) to study ways to adopt and implement the Safe Routes to School Program in communities in Hawaii;
- and
- (2) Appropriating unspecified amounts of funds for these purposes.

The Hawaii Bicycling League and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. DOT and the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu offered comments.

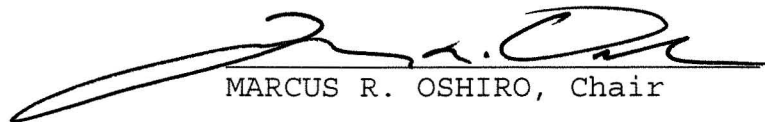


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Making the Program and Committee appropriations for fiscal year 2008-2009, rather than fiscal year 2007-2008;
- (2) Changing its effective date from upon approval to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style, including amendments to update the bill since the bill was introduced in the 2007 regular session and carried over to the 2008 regular session.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1823, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1823, H.D. 1.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



