

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1048

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Transportation and International Affairs and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1048 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance traffic safety statewide by requiring that, whenever construction or repair work that requires the use of steel plates is performed on a public highway by the State, a political subdivision, or a private contractor, motorists be warned with appropriate signage of the presence of steel plates in the roadway.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Street Bikers United Hawaii, the Maui Chapter of Street Bikers United Hawaii, and the Oahu Chapter of Street Bikers United Hawaii.

Your Committees find that steel plates placed in the roadway during construction or repairs can pose a threat to motorists and their vehicles. Steel plates can be hazardous because of the raised edge presented to oncoming traffic. They can also be dangerous for motorcyclists even in the best weather and are especially hazardous for motorcyclists in wet conditions.


The State lacks a uniform policy to warn motorists of the presence of steel plates in the roadway during construction or repairs. While the Department of Transportation adheres to the standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices, these



standards do not address the use of steel plates. The County of Maui has recently adopted a policy requiring the use of signs to warn motorists whenever steel plates are used. However, the County of Hawaii has no policy requiring placement of warning signage, the County of Kauai believes that existing road construction signage is sufficient, and the City and County of Honolulu allows contractors to determine what signage is necessary.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and International Affairs and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1048 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Transportation  
and International Affairs and  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair

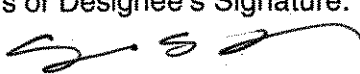
  
J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair





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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1048</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TIA / IGM, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/5/07</b>		
<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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	\			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	\			
HEMMINGS, Fred	\			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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