

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 140

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 140 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance safety on sidewalks by authorizing the counties to regulate the use of electric personal assistive mobility devices on sidewalks.

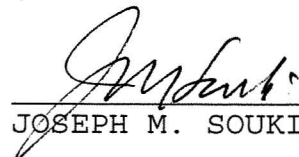
The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Segway, Inc., and the Waikiki Improvement Association testified in support of this bill.

Various areas of our state have sidewalks that are narrow and congested with residents and tourists alike. Allowing electric personal assistive mobility devices and other similar motorized devices to be operated on sidewalks with these congested walking conditions is a safety issue for pedestrians as well as the riders of these devices. While the operation of certain types of vehicles on sidewalks is already regulated in business districts, there may be other areas that need similar regulations. This measure allows the counties to make that determination and regulate the use of these vehicles on sidewalks as they deem necessary.



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. 140 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,

  
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JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



