

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr 17, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 281
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 281 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 prohibit or regulate the use of electric personal assistive mobility devices on sidewalks.

The Waikiki Improvement Association and Segway, Inc., testified in support of this bill. The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs supported the intent of this measure. The Disability and Communication Access Board opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2046, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 281, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 281, H.D. 1.



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



JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



