

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 5, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2679

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2679 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HYBRID BICYCLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to include electric motor bicycles in the definition of "bicycle" for purposes of county vehicular taxes and the statewide traffic code, and specify bicycles that may be transported on public buses.

Several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Transportation and Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu opposed this measure. The Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu provided comments.

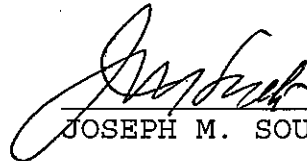
Your Committee finds that bicycles are an excellent alternative mode of transportation that have little or no adverse effects on the environment and help reduce our dependency on petroleum. In addition, commuting by bicycle can not only improve a bicyclist's quality of life but helps others by taking one car off the road for each bicyclist.

Your Committee has concerns about the definition of "bicycle" as amended in this bill and requests that the Committee on Judiciary consider amending it further.



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. 2679 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,



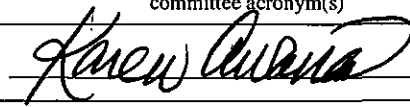
JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2679	Committee Referral: TRN, JUD	Date: 2/03/2010		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	/			
2. AWANA, Karen Leinani (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/			
5. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
8. RHOADS, Karl	/			
9. SAIKI, Scott K.				/
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
12. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				/
TOTAL (12)	10	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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