

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7 , 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1095
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1095 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOPEDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote highway safety by establishing a minimum age of seven years for passengers riding in a three-wheeled moped.

The Department of Transportation and Honolulu Police Department testified in support of this bill.

Three-wheeled mopeds are vehicles designed to carry a passenger seated beside a driver similar to a car. However, three-wheeled mopeds are not crash tested and their light-weight construction and design make them inherently more dangerous than regular cars, greatly enhancing the vulnerability of its occupants in the event of a crash. When Hawaii's traffic code was amended to allow for the use of three-wheeled mopeds on public roads in 2008, the age of the passenger was not discussed. Considering the safety issues involved with these vehicles, it seems logical for age restrictions to be placed on passengers of these vehicles.

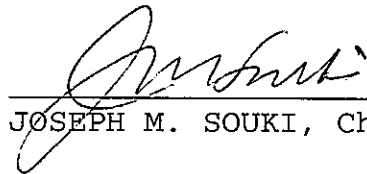
Your Committee has amended this bill by raising the minimum age for passengers riding in a three-wheeled moped from seven to 12 years of age.

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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. 1095, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1095, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



