

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **16**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 02 2011

RE: S.B. No. 828
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,
to which was referred S.B. No. 828 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HELMET USE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the use
of helmets when operating or riding as a passenger on bicycles,
mopeds, and motorcycles.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Department of Transportation, State Department of
Health, City and County of Honolulu Police Department, The Queen's
Medical Center, the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee, Mother's
Against Drunk Driving HAWAII, Brain Injury Association of Hawaii,
and five individuals. Testimony in opposition to this measure was
received from Street Bikers United and five individuals. Comments
on this measure were received from one individual.

Your Committee finds that medical research convincingly
demonstrates that helmets worn by individuals while operating or
riding motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, motor scooters, and all-
terrain vehicles save lives and reduce the severity of head injury
in crashes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration, operating a motorcycle or motor scooter without a
helmet increases the likelihood of suffering a fatal head injury
by forty percent.



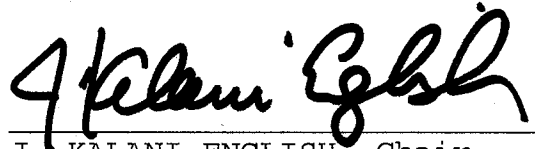
Your Committee further finds that wearing a safety helmet is the single most effective way to prevent head injuries resulting from motorcycle and motor scooter crashes. Head injuries are a leading cause of death in those crashes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a requirement for helmet use by operators and passengers of all-terrain vehicles (Senate Bill No. 152) and motor scooters;
- (2) Dividing the measure into six parts and adding a purpose section to each part; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 828, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 828, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs,




J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 828	TIA, JDL	1/28/11		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)	✓			
ESPERO, Will (VC)		✓		
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
GABBARD, Mike			✓	
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	3	1	2	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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