

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 421

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 18, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 101
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. 101 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage the use of alternative modes of transportation, particularly bicycles, by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "bicycle" contained in the county vehicular taxes law and Statewide Traffic Code to include bicycles with an electric motor; and
- (2) Establishing the specifications of bicycles that may be transported on buses used in a public transportation system.

The Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu (DCS) and Maui Bicycle Alliance supported the intent of this bill. The Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu opposed this measure.

Hawaii is facing an ever increasing traffic congestion problem. The promotion of alternative means of transportation would help to alleviate this situation. While bicycles are a healthy and clean alternative form of transportation, some individuals may not be attracted to this alternative, particularly for traveling long distances. Advancements in technology have

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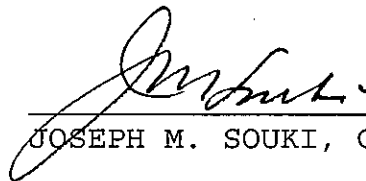


allowed for electric powered bicycles to be developed that are capable of traveling long distances which makes this form of transportation more appealing.

Your Committee notes that DCS recommended that the definition of an "electric bicycle" be amended to distinguish it from mopeds and motor scooters. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by amending the definition of "bicycle" to include a bicycle with an electric motor that conforms to the federal definition which contains thresholds for maximum power and speed.

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. 101, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 101, 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 101	Committee Referral: TRN, JUD	Date: 2/14/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
4. CULLEN, Ty	/			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
9. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
10. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
11. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
TOTAL (11)	10			1
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: <u><i>Linda Ichiyama</i></u>				
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