

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2276
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2276 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SKATEBOARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect the health and safety of Hawaii's youth by requiring that children under sixteen years of age wear a skate helmet while operating a skateboard. This measure also provides penalties for a violation.

The Department of Health, Injury Prevention Advisory Committee, ThinkFirst Hawaii, Soto Academy, and several concerned individuals supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that the danger of traumatic brain damage and other serious head injuries that may result from riding a skateboard without a helmet is not limited to children under the age of sixteen. In particular, your Committee notes testimony attesting to the tragic death of individuals in their twenties who were killed in skateboarding accidents when their deaths could have been prevented had they been wearing a helmet.

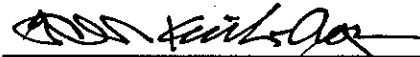
Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by removing the age requirements, thereby requiring all operators of skateboards to wear a skate helmet.



Your Committee has also amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

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 H.B. No. 2276, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2276, H.D. 1.

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



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



