

Honolulu, Hawaii

**Feb 16**, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2688  
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 Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2688 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase public safety by amending the scope of offenses relating to negligent injury to broaden the offenses' application to include injuries caused by mopeds and vessels.

The Department of Transportation, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui, and Honolulu Police Department testified in support of this measure.

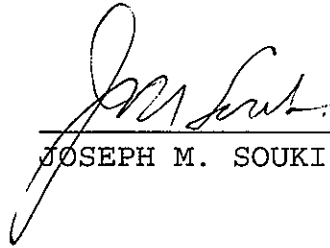
Under current law, an individual causing serious or substantial bodily injury to another individual by the operation of a motor vehicle is guilty of the offense of negligent injury in the first or second degree respectively. However, the term "motor vehicle" does not apply to mopeds or vessels, such as jet skis. Recently, incidents involving the negligent operation of mopeds and vessels have increased. Within the past year alone there have been two fatalities in Maui County involving the operations of boats and several fatalities on the island of Oahu involving improper operation of a moped. This measure will make operators of mopeds and vessels more accountable for their actions when those actions involve the safety of others.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2688, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2688, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



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JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

HSCOE 522-12

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2688</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TRN, JUD</b>	Date: <b>2/13/12</b>		
<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	/			
<del>7. OKAMURA, Tom</del>				
8. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
11. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
12. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>1</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Linda Ichiyama</i></u>				
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