

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3295

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2760
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2760, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase traffic safety.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Prohibits the use of mobile electronic devices while driving;
- (2) Authorizes the Department of Transportation, when submitting budget and appropriation requests for highway design, to include the complete streets policy;
- (3) Authorizes engineering new highways to maximize the safety of crossing pedestrians;
- (4) Authorizes the Department of Transportation to select eight projects throughout the State in which to incorporate roundabouts and flexible design standards;
- (5) Places size and weight restrictions on bicycles transported on public buses; and



- (6) Prohibits the operation of mopeds on bicycle paths and lanes.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Maui County Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition; Hawaii Public Health Association; and two individuals.

Written comments on this measure were received from the County Council of the County of Maui; the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the design of transportation systems affects the health and safety of residents. Authorizing the Department of Transportation to prioritize safety when designing highways and to implement methods of controlling vehicular traffic, including roundabouts, will reduce hazards affecting pedestrians.

Your Committee also finds that prohibiting the operation of motor vehicles while using a mobile electronic device will increase traffic safety.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the definition of "bicycle" in section 249-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by removing duplicate language;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2760, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2760, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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#B2760 #D2 SDI	TTA, WAM	3-29-12		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam			/	
TOTAL	11	0	1	2
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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