

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 28, 2012

RE: H.R. No. 17

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.R. No. 17 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to convene a task force to examine the impact of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) accidents on children and to consider possible means to minimize injuries and death suffered by children due to the use of all-terrain vehicles.

The Queen's Medical Center and the Hawaii American Physical Therapy Association supported the resolution. The Department of Health supported the intent and the Department of Transportation opposed the measure.

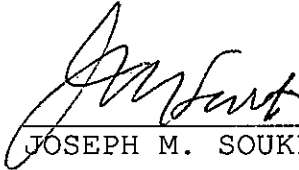
While your Committee understands that ATVs are relatively safe and that a majority of those riding ATVs are safety conscious and wear all the proper safety gear, the risk of injury to Hawaii's children is real. Therefore it is important that steps be taken to prevent the significant amount of health care costs associated with ATV-related injuries and the immeasurable toll and grief experienced by family members and loved ones of children who suffer these injuries.



The Department of Transportation testified that because All-terrain vehicles cannot legally travel upon our public roads, this request falls outside of their jurisdiction. Therefore your Committee has amended this measure by removing the responsibility to convene the task force from the Department of Transportation and conferring the responsibility on the Department of Health whom your Committee feels is better equipped to address the issues posed by this resolution.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 17, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. 17, H.D. 1.

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.: HR 17	Committee Referral: TRN, FIN	Date: 3/21/12		
<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)	6			5
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Joseph M. Souki</i>				
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