

LATE TESTIMONY

February 23, 2012

I Paula S. Kurashige of Nuuanu support House Bill 2276 regarding helmets.

This is not only safety factor but also an educational tool for children to begin taking

Care of themselves. Head trauma is and should be preventable.

Thank you to the Chair and members of the Judiciary Committee for hearing this very
Important bill.

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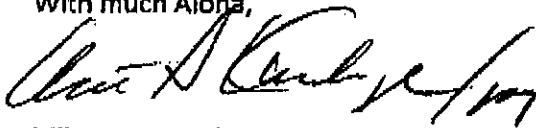
Chair of Judiciary Committee

Regarding: House Bill HB 2276

My name is Milton S. Kurashige and would like to give a testimony to strongly support House Bill HB 2276. I am a physical therapist and have seen many injuries due to skateboard accidents especially head injuries which could have prevented or minimized by utilizing a helmet.

Also I have suffered terrible losses of a grandson, 21 years old, 9 months ago and a nephew, 22 years old, 4 years ago due to head injuries caused by skateboarding. I believe both of them would be alive today if they were wearing helmets. These boys were very good athletes, but still did not survive from their skateboard accidents. Having people protecting themselves and enjoying skateboard, moped, bicycling, or motorcycles is very important which this bill will provide.

With much Aloha,



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Comments:

Our great nephew Kameron Steinhoff of Ewa Beach was fatally injured May 2011 in a skateboarding accident. A helmet would of saved his life & he would be with us today. He was an inspiring young man with a bright future ahead of him. We truly believe helmets should be required beyond 16 years of age but, hopefully getting our children in the habit of wearing helmets for bicycling, skateboarding etc. will follow them into later years & they will see how extremely important the helmets are to everyone's safety. Because we live in Illinois, we won't be attending the hearing. It is our strong belief that Bill 2276 should be passed.
Gratefully,
David & Donna Togliatti, Coal City, IL.