

Concerned Families for ATV Safety

LATE TESTIMONY

United to prevent child ATV death and injury

February 10, 2012

We are asking the house representative of Hawaii to please pass HB2277 regarding ATV Safety. Our organizations website www.atvsafetynet.org has many reasons for passing such legislation but most importantly it's to save lives. Too many children under the age of 16 have lost their lives from ATV accidents.

Our website was founded by mothers who have all lost or had children severely injured while riding an ATV. Most of these deaths were preventable if only there had been laws stating that children under 16 should not be on an ATV. We look to lawmaker to make laws that protect our children, such as seat belts, car seats, age limits on driving a car, age limits for drinking alcohol etc....

There are no such laws regarding ATV's and children at very young ages are the ones that suffer. While helmets and supervision are a start, we need age limits just like we have with automobiles. ATV's are fast and very heavy machines. The American Academy of Pediatrics state that children don't have the mental or physical skills to operate ATV's in a safe manner. Children need to know how to shift their weight in order to control an ATV and young children can't physically do it correctly which ends up resulting in a dangerous outcome. Many studies have been done lately regarding rollovers of ATV's. This is a huge percentage of child ATV deaths in which a helmet or supervision doesn't work. The only solution would be an age limit law.

Massachusetts recently passed a law prohibiting children under 14 on any ATV unless they were riding in a sanctioned race on a public race track. This was a huge victory for all of us who have lost children in ATV crashes and our hope is that many more states will follow their lead.

ATV's have killed over 10,000 people and an estimated one third of them were children under the age of 16. ATV's driving has the highest risk of hospitalization of 33 sports and activities in which children routinely participate including football. But one of the biggest realization is the cost to society. Over 3 BILLION DOLLARS annually in medical and economic costs. ATV's and Children Don't Mix! Please pass HB2277 and help save a child's life!

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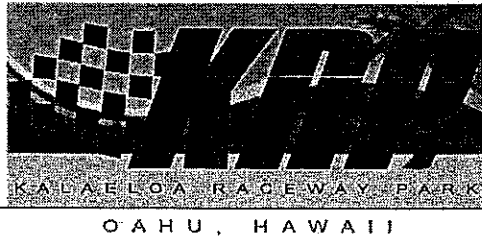
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Comments:
Strongly opposed to this bill...



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Title: **Opposition to HB 2277**

Dear Representatives,

I am writing in opposition of HB 2277, a bill that was carried over from the 2011 session, in which minors are prevented from using all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

This bill is a gross over-reaction and unnecessary bill that will irreparably harm family interaction and bonding while harming small businesses all over Oahu. It has far-reaching effects and is a deplorable example of the government trying to dictate and limit the freedoms of its citizens.

I am the Track Administrator for Kalaeloa Raceway Park. Our events cater to the family. We provide the chance for families to participate in off-road events such as Sand Drag Racing & Motocross. These events allow parents to train and educate their children in a safe, controlled environment with EMT response at moment's notice.

Learning to ride an ATV provides many things to the young rider. Courage, Responsibility, Self-Esteem, and most importantly, it provides parent-child bonding that strengthens the family unit in so many ways. Our young participants love coming out to the track for racing. It is amazing to watch them learn and grow and become responsible young adults thanks to the family time we're able to provide them.

Eliminating the chance for these youth to become young, capable riders would be a huge disservice to them, and it would affect so many things. Small & big businesses, such as ourselves, would suffer enormously. Companies like Honda, Suzuki, Kawasaki, etc. and their distributors would experience a tremendous loss in business. And even more-so, where will the future generations of experienced riders come from if not allowed to participate and learn at a young age? Our events prepare and educate these events. Safe, controlled events held at facilities like Kalaeloa Raceway Park should be allowed and excluded from a bill such as this.



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I am strongly opposed to this bill, and my voting will reflect as such.

Sincerely,

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I oppose this Bill!

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Committee on Transportation

Re: Testimony to HB2277

Aloha Committee Chair Souki,

As a representative and track organizer of Kalaeloa Raceway Park, as well as a director for the Sand Island Off-Highway Vehicle Association, I would like to submit my testimony opposing HB 2277, Relating to All-Terrain Vehicles.

We hold events at Kalaeloa Raceway Park and the Sandbox, that includes Motor-cross. Our Motor-cross segments are divided into different categories, such as adults and keikis, bikes and quads. Each bike and rider is tech inspected to make sure that the bikes are in safe and proper working condition and the parents are required to show that their child has the proper safety gear (helmet, chest protector, long-sleeved shirt/jersey and gloves).

The classes run separately and the keiki class is properly supervised by our track officials. The keikis are taught to ride safe and have fun. They are riding in a safe and secure environment here at Kalaeloa Raceway Park and the Sandbox. They learn responsibility in following the rules, keeping safe and taking care of their equipment.

It gives them an outlet to participate in an outdoor sport where they can learn competition and camaraderie among their fellow racers.

We do feel that that this house bill does represent some great concerns. We feel that with proper supervision in a controlled and safe environment, such as a race track facility, it should be waived.

Do not condone minors riding in a public area, without adult supervision and the proper safety equipment. There have been too many careless accidents, which could have been prevented. As a parent to a minor, which participates in events at our race track, I would not allow my child to ride his atv anywhere else, other than Kalaeloa Raceway Park, Kahuku Motor-cross Track, or The Sandbox in Sand Island.

So, we ask that HB 2277 be amended to allow minors to ride atv's, with the proper supervision and safety equipment, in a safe and controlled environment.

Mahalo,

Jeanette Grace

Track Organizer
Kalaeloa Raceway Park