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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 21, 2012

**HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 17
&
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 33**

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK
FORCE TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON
CHILDREN.**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

This resolution requests the Department of Transportation (DOT) to convene a task force to examine the impact of all-terrain vehicle accidents on children and consider means, including legislation, to minimize injuries and deaths suffered by children due to the use of all-terrain vehicles.

The Department of Transportation respectfully opposes these resolutions as this request is outside of our jurisdiction. All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) cannot legally travel upon our public roads. We do not collect crash data, unless the crash occurs on public roads. Further, since ATVs do not meet the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, it is not anticipated that they will be allowed to use public roads.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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House Committee on Transportation

**HCR0033, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF ALL-TERRAIN
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON CHILDREN**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 9:00AM

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the intent of HCR0033.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health supports the intent of this measure to convene a
4 taskforce to examine the impact of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) injuries on children and to develop
5 recommendations for preventing or reducing ATV-related injuries and deaths to children. There is
6 statewide data that supports the need to regulate the use of ATVs by minors and to mandate the use of
7 helmets. The Department of Health defers to the Department of Transportation on convening the
8 taskforce.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 21, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

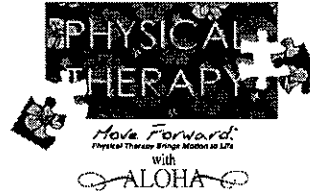
IN SUPPORT OF HCR 33/HR 17 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON CHILDREN.

Chair Souki, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Caesar Ursic, MD, FACS, Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery JABSOM and Trauma Medical Director of The Queen's Medical Center (QMC).

The Queen's Medical Center supports HCR 33/HR 17 due to its potentially beneficial impact on the prevention of ATV-related childhood injuries. As a trauma surgeon who has cared for several children injured or killed while riding on ATV in the State of Hawaii, I can attest to the severity of these injuries and to the life-long impact that they can have on a child, especially when a head injury is involved. A closer study of the factors and variables associated with these injuries in children and of possible approaches to their reduction or prevention would be time, effort and money well spent in improving the quality of life of our keiki.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.



House Transportation Committee

March 21, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Room 309

RE: HR 17/HCR 33 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON CHILDREN

Good morning, Chair Souki, Vice- Chair Ichiyama and members of the Committee. On behalf of the Hawaii Chapter, American Physical Therapy Association ("HAPTA"), we are in **support** of HR 17/HCR 33, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON CHILDREN.

In addition to the disturbing statistics noted in the resolution, 1.7 million Americans sustain a brain injury each year. According to the Center for Disease Control, 500,000 children under the age of 14 in the United States visit an emergency room for brain injuries annually. In Hawaii alone, according to the Hawaii Department of Health, more than 2,600 children under the age of 14 are treated for brain injuries in the emergency room.

As physical therapists, our members are on the frontlines of treating patients with brain injuries, including those caused by accidents involving all terrain vehicles. We believe that passing this measure is especially timely and fitting, given that March is National Brain Injury Awareness Month.

HAPTA is a non-profit professional organization serving more than 200 member Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants. Our mission is to be the principal membership organization that represents and promotes the profession of Physical Therapy in the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

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Legislative Committee Chair

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