

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 334

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 146

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 146 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the use of certain types of motor vehicle wheels that are considered dangerous by:

- (1) Defining the term "dangerous wheels" to mean any wheel, wheel cover, hubcap, lug nut cover or cap, prong, or any ornamentation affixed to any of the aforementioned items that extends past the wheel's rim and that may cause injury or property damage by minimal contact with a person or object; and
- (2) Prohibiting any person from operating a vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer equipped with dangerous wheels.

The Department of Transportation, the Honolulu Police Department, and the County of Hawai'i Police Department supported this measure. The Hawaii Transportation Association supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association opposed this measure.

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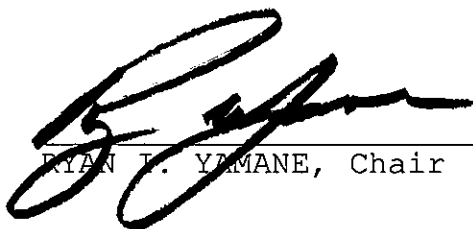


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that any wheel, wheel cover, hubcap, lug nut cover or cap, prong, or any ornamentation affixed to any of the aforementioned items must extend at least four inches past the wheel's rim to fall within the definition of "dangerous wheels";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to promote further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 146, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 146, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



RYAN T. YAMANE, Chair



