

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1309
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,
to which was referred S.B. No. 1309 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require helmet use for individuals under the age of eighteen operating or riding motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds, and all-terrain vehicles; and to require persons engaging in the business of renting these vehicles to furnish a safety helmet to renters under the age of eighteen of motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds, and all-terrain vehicles who will drive or ride on these vehicles. This measure also defines "all-terrain vehicle" and "safety helmet".

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Honolulu Police Department, The Queen's Medical Center, and six individuals. Testimony in opposition to this measure was received from one individual.

Your Committee finds that traumatic brain injury affects a large number of people in our State, including children. According to testimony of The Queen's Medical Center, in 2010 more than one-third of those treated in the emergency department for traumatic brain injury were eighteen years and younger. Of the patients seen at The Queen's Medical Center who are involved in motorcycle and moped crashes, less than forty percent wear a helmet. Because of this, more patients die or are permanently

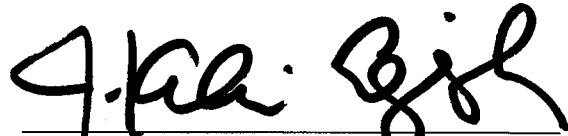


incapacitated from head trauma than would occur if all or nearly all of them wore a helmet at the time of their crash.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1309, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1309, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs,




J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1309	TIA, JDL	2-6-13.		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.		✓		
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	6	1	1	1
Recommendation:				
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