

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2013

RE: S.B. No. 4

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 4 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require all front and back seat passengers to be restrained by a seat belt assembly or child passenger restraint while the motor vehicle is being operated upon any public highway.

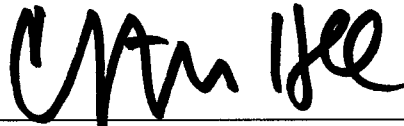
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Transportation; Police Department, City and County of Honolulu; Police Department, County of Maui; Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii; State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company; and eight individuals. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is a need for all motor vehicle occupants to be restrained by a seat belt or child passenger restraint while riding in a motor vehicle being operated on any public roadway. Existing law requires passengers up to age seventeen to wear seat belts in the back seat. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, seat belt restraints for all occupants increase the safety of all motor vehicle occupants by as much as forty-five percent. Seat belts are one of the most effective safety features and have saved the lives of thousands of motor vehicle occupants.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 4 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,




CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB4	Committee Referral: TIA, JDL	Date: 2/20/13		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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