

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 727  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 727, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the  
operator of a motorcycle or motor scooter to proceed cautiously  
between stopped lanes of traffic, known as "lane filtering", on  
certain roadways as determined by the Department of  
Transportation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from Street Bikers United Hawaii and ninety-six individuals. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of  
Transportation.

Your Committee finds that allowing motorcycles and motor  
scooters to filter through same-bound lanes of stopped traffic,  
when safe to do so, on main roads, highways, and freeways may  
reduce the risk of motor vehicle rear-end collisions with  
motorcycles and motor scooters, lessen overheating problems  
associated with air-cooled motorcycles and motor scooters, and  
alleviate traffic congestion.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Allowing shoulders as designated by the Department of Transportation to be used by operators of motorcycles and motor scooters for lane filtering;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Transportation to submit written reports regarding the impact of lane filtering on traffic safety to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2020 and 2021;
- (3) Inserting a sunset date of June 30, 2021; and
- (4) 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 Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 727, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 727, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

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

  
GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



