

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 30

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Energy, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 30 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INCLUDE THE "DUTCH REACH" OR FAR-HAND METHOD IN DRIVER'S EDUCATION CURRICULA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to reduce the number of bicycle riders injured by drivers and passengers negligently exiting their vehicles by urging the Department of Transportation to include the "Dutch Reach" in driver's education curricula.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Hawaii Bicycling League, Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawai'i, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that bicycling is a mode of transportation that is good for the health and good for the environment. However, careless drivers can sometimes pose a safety risk to bicyclists, even after parking their vehicles. Drivers who open their doors quickly without being aware of their surroundings might open their doors into the path of an oncoming bicyclist, which can severely injure or kill the bicyclist. These



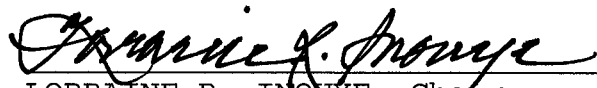
types of accidents, known as doorings, account for up to twenty percent of the most common accidents between bicyclists and vehicles in major cities.

Your Committee further finds that the occurrence of doorings can be reduced if drivers are more cautious when they open their doors. One way to improve safety is to use the Dutch Reach, also known as the far hand method. The Dutch Reach involves using the far-side hand to open the door, which forces one's torso and head to swivel and allows for an unobstructed view backwards to watch for oncoming bicyclists and traffic. Your Committee believes that widespread use of the Dutch Reach will reduce the number of dooring accidents and improve overall bicycle safety, and urges the Dutch Reach be included in driver's education courses.

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 Energy that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 30, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 30, S.D. 1.

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


LORRAINE R. INOSYE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and Energy
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HR30</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRE</i>	Date: <i>4/18/2018</i>		
<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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Will Espero</i></div>				
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