

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2019

RE: H.B. No. 529
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 529, H.D. 1, 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 prohibit any vehicle, except for a low-range, four-wheel drive vehicle, from being driven through or in Waipio Valley, except under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Hawai'i County Council.

Your Committee finds that Waipio Valley road is one of the steepest roads in the world. A two-wheel car can burn its brakes out on the way down, or stall its engines on the way up due to the numerous twists and turns coupled with a 25 percent grade incline. Your Committee further finds that parts of the slope on Waipio Valley road can reach up to 37 percent gradient, equal to the steepest street in the world. Your Committee also finds that Waipio Valley has gained popularity via social media due to its natural beauty and therefore has attracted individuals unfamiliar with the road, causing potential safety issues. Although there are signs to inform individuals of the dangers of driving on Waipio Valley road, many are ignoring these warnings. This measure will establish stricter penalties regarding the types of



vehicles permitted on Waipio Valley road, thereby improving the safety for residents and visitors of the State.

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. 529, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

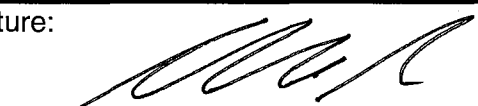

LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB529, HDI	Committee Referral: TRS, WAM	Date: 20 3/13/19		
<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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes