

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 309

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 S.B. No. 309 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal several exemptions from the prohibition on operating a pickup truck with a passenger seated in the bed or load-carrying area;
- (2) Remove the requirement that a passenger be twelve years of age or younger; and
- (3) Reduce the fine for violating the prohibition.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that from 2014 to 2018, eight truck bed occupants died in Hawaii due to being ejected from the bed of a pickup truck as a result of a motor vehicle crash. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, people riding in the bed or cargo areas of a pickup truck are nine times more



likely to be killed than those involved in other vehicle collisions. This measure would prohibit all persons, regardless of age, from sitting in the bed of a pickup truck, ensuring the safety of all passengers and reducing motor vehicular fatalities.

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 S.B. No. 309 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 309	Committee Referral: TRS, JDC/VAM	Date: 2/4/19		
<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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	<i>JK</i>	✓		
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	<i>KF</i>	✓		
TOTAL	1	2		2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>J. Kalani English</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes