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**S.B. 824, S.D.1**  
**RELATING TO RENTALS OF MOPEDS AND MOTOR SCOOTERS.**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 824, S.D.1.

This bill, in part, prohibits the operating of a motor scooter and moped from any rental company unless the person wears a safety helmet provided by the rental company or person, although this requirement does not apply to a person who possesses a valid license from any state to operate a motorcycle.

In Hawai'i, according to State fatality data, during the calendar years of 2016 - 2018, of the 23 motor scooter and moped operator fatalities, 22 operators, or 96% of the operators, were not wearing helmets.

This bill will help to reduce the amount of these types of fatalities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Subject: Support SB824 SD1

Dear Senator Chair Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair Troy N. Hashimoto, and Members of the House Committee on Transportation,

My name is Kari Benes and I am the chair of the Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) asking for your **support of SB824 HD1, with recommendation to require all drivers of a moped to wear a helmet.** This measure is one of the SHSP traffic safety priorities for 2019.

According to 2017 University of Hawaii Observational Studies, helmet use among moped riders has increased from 10% in 2002 to 31% in 2017. However, most moped riders are unhelmeted. Unhelmeted moped riders are more likely to receive a skull fracture or head injury in the event of a crash. This accounts for longer hospitalizations, disability and increased cost. Hospital charges are often 50% higher than for helmeted riders. Unfortunately, in Hawaii unhelmeted moped riders are 3 times as likely to require an income qualifying payer for their health insurance.<sup>1</sup> **Nationwide, state governments absorb nearly \$5 billion in hospitalization charges for unhelmeted riders without medical insurance.**<sup>2</sup>

The Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan's vision is that all of Hawaii's road users arrive safely at their destinations. You can help us achieve our goal of reducing yearly fatalities, by supporting this measure.

To view the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, go to [www.hawaiiishsp.com](http://www.hawaiiishsp.com)

#### Strategic Highway Safety Plan Mission

*Save lives and reduce injuries on Hawaii's roadways through strategic partnerships and implementation of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.*

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<sup>1</sup> Galanis, D PhD., Castel, N., Wong, L., Steinemann, S MD. Impact of Helmet Use on Injury and Financial Burden of Motorcycle and Moped Crashes in Hawaii; Analysis of Linked Statewide Database. Hawaii J Trauma Med, Dec 2016; Vol 75.

<sup>2</sup> McSwain NE Jr., and Belles A. Motorcycle Helmets- Medical Costs and the Law. J Trauma. 1990;30(10):1197-9

**SB-824-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tim Jenkins	lexislaw808	Support	No

Comments:

I Danielle Jenkins support Bill SB824 as this bill hits very close to home. We lost our only child Alexis Jenkins in a scooter accident in Maui August 15, 2017. Our daughter held a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, made the Varsity Golf team her Sophomore year of High School. Lex Modeled, Sang, did Yoga, snowboarded, snow skied, wakeboarded, water skied, solo skydiver, equestrian etc...Lex even ran for Miss California 2016. Most of these sports require lessons, helmets and special training. Yet there are no lessons, minimal instruction or a helmet law to protect our loved ones riding a two wheeled motorized bike that they are not familiar with when they visit Hawaii. Most visitors that rent moped and scooters have minimal to zero experience riding these motorized bikes. Hawaii requires a helmet to be worn on Construction sites, also their motorcycle police force wear a helmet for their safety. So the knowledge of helmet/hard hat PPE safety is there, just being ignored.

Our daughters Death certificate reads "Blunt Trauma to the Head". A few weeks ago there also was another moped accident in Maui with Head Trauma. I'm unaware of the outcome of this young 25 year old man, but a head trauma can be prevented with the use of a helmet. The head is fragile, needs to be protected and all the data supports that a helmet helps saves lives.

The Hawaiian locals are very vocal on Social Media in regards to the importance of wearing a helmet. There is even a post where someone references Moped/Scooter riders as "Organ Donors".

When these accidents happen on your islands, it affects so many and knowing that some of these can be prevented, is incomprehensible.

This will not change our life but hopefully this bill if passed will change the fate of someone else's loved one. The pain is real, raw and deep!

We have over 15,000 people that have visited [lexislaw808.com](http://lexislaw808.com). This website is raising the awareness on the dangers of riding a scooter/moped in Hawaii and the importance of wearing a helmet.

Because of the well-known infrastructure issues on the islands, I believe it is imperative to veer on the side of caution and be proactive in implementing a helmet law.

I am respectfully imploring Legislation to do the right thing and move forward with Lexi's Law SB824. This can only save lives and prevent possible head injuries.

Respectfully,

Alexis's Mom

Danielle Jenkins



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tim Jenkins	Lexislaw808	Support	No

Comments:

Please Pass Lexi's Law SB824, as I am the Father of the beautiful young lady that passed away on a Scooter August 15, 2017 in Wailea, Maui next to the Emerald Course. My daughter was my golf partner and my only child.

Being 24 you are full of adventure, full of life and you have the world by the tail. Even though Lex was brought up wearing a helmet, I'm sure she felt that it would be safe to ride a scooter without a helmet since no helmet law is enforced in Hawaii. This is a false perception to all visitors renting scooters/mopeds. Hawaii is known for their many scooter/moped fatalities and accidents. Yet visitors wouldn't know the dangers of riding, as the awareness is not present on the islands.

I am respectfully requesting that Hawaii pass SB824 and protect our children and loved ones. We have been given a life sentence without our child. I will never be able to walk my daughter down the aisle or have any grandchildren. We do not celebrate holidays anymore and we live by one breath at a time, as a day is too long.

That phone call on August 15, 2017 was the worst phone call a parent can receive. The five-hour plane ride over was incomprehensible. Going through the motions once we arrived in Hawaii and figuring out what to do next, was a parent's worse nightmare. Identifying Lex by her Hawaiian Islands tattoo on her ankle she got the year prior in Kauai, a helmet might have allowed me to give her a final kiss on the cheek. Then we watched the cremation of our only child, as we felt the need to be with Alexis until the very end. Our hopes and dreams gone!

Legislation has the power to save someone from going through what we have gone through. Please escalate and implement Lexi's Law SB824, the Senate passed this unanimously and I implore you to now do the same.

There is so much data that supports a helmet law and the monetary benefits that the state often absorbs due to these types of accidents.

Saving someone's life, preventing head trauma, reducing the number of fatalities in Hawaii, saving the state from incurred medical expenses etc....

The well-published data supports this, I have to ask what could possibly hold this back from passing?

We recently learned that PONO means do the right thing in Hawaiian, I believe this holds true with this bill.

Lexi's Daddy Forever

Tim Jenkins

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**From:** char retzlaff <charalice4445@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 5:50 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** SB824

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Please support SB824 so that another grandparent may be spared what I have gone through the past 19 months. When I got the call I wailed, I screamed, I howled. Sounds came out of me that I didn't even recognize. It didn't bring her back. Our lives will never be the same without her. Hopefully no other grandparent will have to experience this pain that may have been prevented had they had a helmet on.

Respectfully,  
Charlotte Retzlaff Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** char retzlaff <charalice4445@yahoo.com>  
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Please support SB824  
Thank you so much.  
Lexi's Papa,  
Ron Retzlaff  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** hamasaki sayaka <conejo1sayaka@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:25 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Lexus law

Hi, My name is Sayaka Retzlaff, Please confirm Lexus's helmet law in Hawaii!  
Mahalo

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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB824 SD1 RELATING TO RENTALS OF MOPEDS AND MOTOR SCOOTER

To: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Rep. Henry Aquino, Chair

Rep. Troy Hashimoto, Vice Chair

Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC) **SUPPORTS** SB824 SD1 RELATING TO MOPEDS AND MOTOR SCOOTERS.

My name is Lisa Dau, RN, Injury Prevention Coordinator and I represent Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC). KIPC **SUPPORTS** the passage of **SB824 SD1** prohibiting operating a moped or motor scooter from any rental company unless the person wears a safety helmet that the rental company is required to provide or the person wears a safety helmet that is provided by the person. This bill is a **NO BRAINER**.

When a helmet is properly worn it prevents deaths (decreased by 42%) and brain injuries (decreased by 69%), this data comes from Hawai'i State Department of Health, 2012. Other statistics from Hawai'i DOH from 2005-2009 shows that 96% of fatally injured moped riders were not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, and 86% of moped riders were not wearing a helmet in non-fatal crashes.

Helmets can reduce traumatic brain injuries and reduce health care costs. This is a public health issue that needs to be address by passing this bill. Please consider passing SB824 SD1.

Mahalo,

Lisa Dau, RN

Injury Prevention Coordinator

Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition



## Street Bikers United Hawaii (SBU) Submissions

March 12, 2019

Presenter: Bruce Paige, SBU State Director  
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### Bill SB No. 824 SD1 (SSCR985)– RELATING TO RENTALS OF MOPEDS AND MOTOR SCOOTERS.

Bill Introducers: BAKER, FEVELLA

Report Title: Mopeds; Motor Scooters; Lexi's Law; Aftermarket Motor Modification; Rental Companies; Helmet Requirements; Violation

Description(s):

Bill SB No. 824 SD1 (SSCR985): Prohibits operating a moped or motor scooter from any rental company unless the person wears a safety helmet that the rental company is required to provide or the person wears a safety helmet that is provided by the person; provided that this requirement does not apply to any person who possesses a valid license from any state to operate a motorcycle. Prohibits the rental of any moped or motor scooter with an aftermarket modification to its motor. (SD1)

### Executive Summary – Bill SB824

SBU Recommends That Its Members Oppose Bill SB Nos. 824 On Three Fundamental Grounds:

- I. Although the language of Bill SB824, seeks to apply Mandatory Helmet requirements to Persons who rent or lease a Moped or Motor Scooter to someone must require they comply with the requirement the renter or lessee wears a Helmet, regardless of age, the proposed legislation however laudable, is fraught with enforceability and constitutional problems which are described briefly below.
- II. First there is enforceable legislation to requiring minors (under 18 years of age) wearing Helmets. Second, there are Constitutional privacy right arguable available to adults over the age of majority (18 years). SBU submits those rights should be respected.
- III. This proposed legislation attempts to discriminate between persons who do not own a valid Motorcycle License (or equivalent valid license from another state) by exempting such persons from being required to wear a Helmet, which is wrong on two grounds: (i) Motor Scooter is defined as a Motorcycle under HRS §286-2 Definitions and requires an operator to have a valid Category (2) drivers' license already, so the rental company is only obligated to rent the Motor Scooter to someone with

a valid Category (2) drivers' license (or equivalent valid license from another jurisdiction) already; (ii) having a valid Category (2) drivers' license (or equivalent valid license from another jurisdiction) already may be of some value in determine if the potential renter or lessee has sufficient knowledge and expertise regarding "two-wheeled" or "three-wheeled" vehicle maintenance and operating skills and "collision avoidance techniques" to safely operate a rented Moped or Motor Scooter. In reality it is only true if the Motorcycle License Holder has either considerable experience (over 2-4 years of full-time riding experience at minimum) or they have successfully completed a Motorcycle Riders Safety Education Course ("MRSEC").

- IV. SBU submits that since Motor Scooter is included in the Definition of Motorcycle, this bill is an attempt to legislate Motorcycle helmet use by using an ambiguous and arbitrary definition that includes a subclass of Motorcycle Operators, (i.e. Motor Scooter Operators) are required to wear Helmets, while other Motorcycle Operators are excluded, which is a breach of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Privacy Rights, 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment Due Process; 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Equal Protection Rights and the Corresponding Hawaii Constitutional Rights providing for equal treatment and due process for its citizens.
- V. The only valid and logical basis for not insisting on a Helmet for a renter or lessee, if the priority is the safety of that renter or lessee and any potential passenger is to require they have completed at least the MMSEC-**"Beginner Moped and Motorcycle Rider Course: Riding and Street Skills"** (or the or equivalent valid license from another jurisdiction) and then obviously that potential renter or lessee should have either a valid specialized Moped License such as the Class (1) license or the Class (2) Motorcycle license (or the equivalent valid license from another jurisdiction). It is the combination of a specialized license and the MMSEC (or more advanced MRSEC course) that makes the person a "safe" and skilled Rider. Otherwise, it takes at least 2 to 4 years of full-time riding to gain the technical skills that are taught in a MMSEC, which gives course graduates high levels of technical expertise that compensates for a lack of safe operational skills, collision avoidance expertise, and technical knowledge gained by that two to four years of "street experience". Experience riders with at least one MMSEC (or riders with over 2-4 years full time riding experience) have a very low likelihood of being in an accident, as much as 95% lower than an new rider without a MMSEC training history according to some studies.<sup>1</sup>
- VI. It is a well-known incidental consequence of Riders taking the MMSEC that they have much higher rates of full-time helmet use than those who do not take the course, for a variety of reasons. (The reasons are beyond the scope of these Submissions)
- VII. For all the forgoing reasons SBU respectfully submits that Alexis "Lexi" Jenkins' tragic death might not have been avoided even though she collided with a truck, even if she was wearing a helmet, since a helmet does not guarantee the rider's survival from either head, neck and certainly not other bodily injuries (but it does lessen the likelihood of TBI in low speed single vehicle accident definitely). However, if Lexi had completed a MMSEC-**"Beginner Moped and Motorcycle Rider Course: Riding and Street Skills"** (or the or equivalent valid license from another jurisdiction) her chances would have been over 75% of being able to avoid the accident

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<sup>1</sup> Hurt Report pages 250-53. "The trained motorcycle riders (although they are scarce) showed very high rates of helmet use and the comparison with untrained riders was very significant". Table 9.3.18 indicated 68.3% Riders with formal MTPs training were helmeted although they were only involved in 5.1% of the accidents.



entirely. Since studies show the likelihood of a MMSEC graduate even being in an accident is 75% less than a non-graduate with little or no prior Moped/Motorcycle Operating experience. Moreover, as a graduate of a MMSEC Lexi would have had a much higher probability of choosing to wear a helmet as well.

- VIII. SBU recommends Lexi's law should be revised to follow the principles of SBU's Comprehensive, Integrated Motorcycle/Moped Licensing, Insurance and Safety Training Initiative outlined below as a viable alternative to this unconstitutional Bill SB 824 SD1 (SSCR985). Of course SBU recommends it applies equally for Motorcycles, Motor Scooters and Mopeds, which means all rentals in Hawaii would have to require the renter or lessee of Motorcycles, Motor Scooters and Mopeds be properly educated, trained and licensed with a mandatory **Beginner Moped and Motorcycle Rider Course: Riding and Street Skills** ( or the or the equivalent course from another jurisdiction) to qualify to rent or lease Motorcycles, Motor Scooters and Mopeds in Hawaii.
- IX. We understand that the rental industry will oppose the SBU Initiative as it will initially reduce rentals, but: (a) it will save lives and injuries to those they do rent Motorcycles, Motor Scooters and Mopeds; (b) it make the roads safer for everyone; and (c) if they advertise that requirement they will attract renters and lessees who do qualify and have a better safer motorcycling or mopeding vacation/experience when they come to Hawaii, because they are far less likely to go home injured or worse still become another unnecessary tragedy like Lexi.

SBU Recommendations for Bills SB 824 SD1 (SSCR985).

- (A) The Mandatory Motorcycle/Moped Safety Education Course should become a core requirement for qualification of either a Category #1 (Moped License) or a Category #2 (Motorcycle License)
- (B) All persons, businesses or enterprises shall ensure that the renter or lessee of a Motorcycles, Motor Scooters and Mopeds be properly educated, trained and licensed with a mandatory **Beginner Moped and Motorcycle Rider Course: Riding and Street Skills** (or the equivalent course from another jurisdiction) to qualify to rent or lease Motorcycles, Motor Scooters and Mopeds in Hawaii.
- (C) The vast majority of existing licensed Adult Riders Licensees (over 18 years of age) could be "grandfathered into to the mandatory license requirements" with virtually no adverse impact injury and fatality trends. Motorcycle a Riders with over 2-4 years riding experience have a much lower probability of being involved in a collision than the beginner Riders (Motorcycle, Motor Scooter or Moped Riders) that must be where the focus is to save lives.. Everyone can benefit from taking some level of formal motorcycle training, but the greatest gains are for **Beginner Moped and Motorcycle Rider Course: Riding and Street Skills** for the new rider taking their Category (1) or Category (2) license as novices regardless of age.
- (D) At present in Hawai'i the law requires Motorcycle Insurance carriers grant owners of Motorcycle Insurance policies a discount of fifteen (15%) percent for Riders who complete a Motorcycle Safety Education Course (i.e. the "Motorcycle Education Course Insurance Premium Deduction" or the "MECIP Deduction" for short). That is not done for Moped Operators, because there has never been mandatory insurance for Moped operators (which have traditionally been treated as bicycles), that should change and Mopeds need to be insured just like other motorized vehicles operated on Hawaii roads. Also, it is not

mandatory for a Moped operator to obtain a Category (1) license, which would have to change as well. The MMSEC should be required (albeit modified for the difference between Motorcycles and Mopeds) for both those categories and only a duly licensed Category (2) holder should be entitled to operate a Motorcycle (including a Motor Scooter) as well as a Moped; and a Category (1) license should be the minimum license requirement to be entitled to operate a Moped.

(E) If the MSEC-“Beginner Motorcycle Rider Course: Riding and Street Skills” was made mandatory for new licensees, the same incentive would not be necessary (for Mopeds or Motorcycles), since the course would be mandatory. Instead the MECIP Deduction could be used to incentivize existing Riders to take an Advanced Motorcycle Safety Training Course (“Advanced MSTC”), which would further enhance their motorcycle skills generally and especially “collision avoidance skills”. The MECIP would then be granted only if Motorcycle and Moped Riders take an Advanced MSTC. This point may be more applicable to Motorcycles than Mopeds, but advanced skills courses for Mopeds may be of interest and become popular as more people ride Mopeds.

(F) The very same type of incentives legislated to incentivize Hawai’i Motorcycle Riders to take the MSEC--“Beginner Motorcycle Rider Course: Riding and Street Skills” by creating the “Safety Helmet Premium Deduction” or “SHPD”), which could be used to incentivize the use of Helmets by Motorcycle and Moped Riders by amending HRS Section §431:10G-201(c) to include a further discount of fifteen (15%) percent for any Rider who voluntarily commits to wearing a Helmet.

(G) Motorcycle Traffic-Safety School (“MTSS”) is an effective alternative to payment of a fine or suspension for a citation. The requirement to attend a MTSS with multiple traffic citations (i.e. three or more in any one 12 month period) or multiple accidents (i.e. three or more at-fault in any one 12 month period), exposes these Riders to critical information, training, and experience relating to Motorcycle Skills development that can greatly reduce the likelihood of the Riders will be involved in a subsequent accident. They would be required to satisfactorily complete (at their expense) a specialized motorcycle rider training course (MSEC/MSTC whether it is the “beginner course” or an “advanced skills course”) at their expense as part of satisfactorily completing all of the MTSS requirements.

(H) Leave the Helmet choice optional for Adult Riders, they have a constitution right to privacy, due process and equal treatment before the law. Freedom of choice to wear a Helmet as long as it does not harm others, according to minority decisions of the Hawai’i Supreme Court, which have recognized and respected their rights in the past. Those constitutional rights may now be held by the majority of the Court, it is impossible to say without a challenge.

**The Language In Bills SB 316 Which SBU Objects to includes the following underlined or struck clauses:**

SECTION 1. Section 291C-195, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) No person less than fifteen years of age shall drive a moped on a highway, street, roadway, or any other public property in

the State. No person less than eighteen years of age shall drive a moped unless the person wears a safety helmet securely fastened with a chin strap. The safety helmet shall meet the specifications and requirements established by rules adopted by the director."

## Summary

### SBU Recommends That Its Members Oppose Bill SB No. 361 On Three Fundamental Grounds:

- (1) Mandatory Helmet Law Already Exist for Moped, Motor Scooter and Motorcycle Riders Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age;
- (2) The Freedom of Choice for Adult Moped Operators and Motor Scooter Rider is the same as for Motorcyclists as to their Selection of Riding Apparel and Helmets is a Constitutional Privacy Right pursuant to their rights to life, liberty and the pursuant of Happiness;
- (3) The Goal of Reducing Serious Injuries (including TBI) and Fatalities to Motorcycle Riders Is More Reasonably Achieved with "Responsible" "Comprehensive" and "Integrated" Policy Instead of a "Narrowly Focused" Mandatory Helmet Laws this applies to all "New Riders" and unlicensed Riders including those renting Motorcycles, Motor Scooters and Mopeds.
- (4) If Legislators are serious about saving lives they need to take these initiatives and stop trying to use "band aide solutions" like "Universal Helmet Laws" or "Arbitrary Helmet Laws" to solve the genuine problem of Motorcycle, Motor Scooter and Moped accident related injuries and loss of life.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

On Behalf of Street Bikers United Hawaii (SBU)

*Bruce Paige*

Bruce Paige  
SBU State Director

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**From:** Randall Simpson <mrrandallsimpson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:19 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Lexi's Law SB824

Hello my name is Randy Simpson and I am asking you to please support SB824 / Lexi's Law. As a motorcycle rider for over 40 years I have buried to many friends and even family from motorcycle & moped that they might have survived from had they simply been wearing a helmet.

The 1st question most people ask when someone is involved in a motorcycle or a moped accident is "Were they wearing a helmet?" .....or..... "Isn't there some kind of helmet law there?"

That is what SB824 Lexi's Law is about...."Some kind of helmet law!" If you make an effort to protect the tourist, the young who are uninformed & the untrained, then we can certainly move the needle in a positive direction and save a few more lives. We can send a few more loved ones home to their families should they be in an unfortunate accident while in Hawaii.

Wearing a helmet was a habit ingrained in me from a very young age due to my parents insisting that I wear one. The outcome of that "Training & Education" was that even when I lived in states without a helmet law I still wore one. Even when it was not the "Cool Thing" to do when I rode in a crowd, I still did it out of habit because of what I learned at a younger age. I have had three major motorcycle accidents that I could not walk away from. But my mind is intact and I am still here all because I wore a helmet.

Please do the right thing for those who do not know better, for those who need a little protection, for those who one day may graduate to riding motorcycles and wear a helmet out of habit due to SB824 regardless of the law requiring it or not on a motorcycle.

The motorcycle groups have no reason to oppose SB824 because it does not apply to them. They carry a motorcycle license and should have the training or experience that these tourist and young moped riders do not have. So Please....Help them Help themselves.....they need your help.

Thank you in advance for your support of SB824!

God Bless  
Randy Simpson  
916-225-9191

**SB-824-SD-1**

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Andrew Arwood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a simple measure to help ensure the safety of visiting individuals, whom may underestimate the operation of a small scooter or moped on public roads.

Just as rule requires SCUBA outfitters to verify safety equipment and capability of the diver, so too should moped and scooter rental agencies.

**SB-824-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peggy Seagren	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**The only computer we have on our body is our head and we need it protected so please pass this law I've had too many friends killed in Hawaii by not wearing a helmet**

**SB-824-SD-1**

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Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Jacoshenk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill/measure.

**SB-824-SD-1**

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Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chauntell Arwood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I full heartedly support this bill. My family went through one of the worst experiences that anyone should have to go through. Seatbelts are a law to help prevent death, the same should be for helmets. The number of moped, scooter and Motorcycle deaths in Hawaii is extremely sad and some could have been prevented. Visitors that come to Hawaii should still be able to experience new ways of travel, but with safety requirements to help them come back home safely.

Again, I plead with and urge you to pass this bill so it can be prevented for families to have to experience what we did when our loved one did not come back home. We will always miss Lexi.



**SB-824-SD-1**

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Charlotte Stevens	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**SB-824-SD-1**

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Felicia Sommers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-824-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Emily Dunham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

I would love this to pass for SB824 LexisLaw.

I support this whole heartedly. Please make this happen so innocent people who visit stop losing their lives.

This is imperative because drivers and inexperienced people don't always pay attention to their surroundings. This will not only benefit the locals of Hawaii it will also benefit future tourists. If the death count keeps increasing people will avoid those areas and activities. Which would in turn decrease their profits.

It's a win win for everyone. The only thing this law will do is protect the citizens and tourists of Hawaii.

This will not effect the locals who are familiar with the area. All we are trying to do is protect our loved ones. My dear friend lost her favorite person in the world. If this law were effect then she might still be here with us.

We have a chance to change something so small, but so big.

BE A HERO.

**SB-824-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
hailey davidson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. Please, let's save lives.

**SB-824-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
leah totten	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB824 is very very important to us! Please pass this bill In support of saving lives!! We and our families all over the US appreciate it!

Mahalo

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 12:27:33 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 12:39:59 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nick Arwood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this legislation, based on facts and common sense. Helmets save lives, and help reduce the risk of serious bodily harm in the event of an accident, period. There are absolutely no compelling reasons why someone riding in/ on an open air vehicle should not protect themselves, or other people around them. This legislature is reasonable, and helps to protect both individuals, and the State, physically, morally, and economically.

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 12:44:05 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Dillender	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This law is very clean cut and straight forward, it only applies to visitors and people who should absolutely be wearing all gear no exceptions. This law is not overbearing whatsoever and will only statistically save more lives due to the fact that wearing a helmet statistically saves more lives than not. Just like wearing a seat belt! You have to wear a seat belt to protect your life, you should have to wear a helmet too. I currently have a valid motorcycle license and I would never ever ride without a helmet.



**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 1:35:03 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julie Gragg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**From:** Doug-n-Mary Gillen <doug-n-mary@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:08 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** SB824

Please support the measure and bill requiring helmets be worn while renting a moped or scooter.

Thank you,

MaryAnn Gillen  
2691 Paymaster Trl  
Cool, CA 95614  
(530) 305-7357

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** McKenzie Seagren <mckenzieseagren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** CPH Testimony; TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Lexis Law SB824

I am begging you to please pass the helmet law (LexisLaw) to save peoples lives in Hawaii

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**McKenzie Seagren**  
*Assistant , Production Talent*

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**From:** Kathie Northey <kathienorthey53@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:58 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Lexi's Law SB824

Dear Transportation Committee,

I am emailing in regards to Lexi's Law SB824.

Please do not let another young person and or any person die traumatically because there is no helmet law in this state.

PLEASE pass this!

Lexi's Law 808.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

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**From:** Leah Totten <hairloveleah@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** SB824

August of 2017 we lost a beautiful California native, who was appreciating the beauty of Maui, to a moped accident. If my loved one was required to wear a helmet she may still be here today. As I visited Maui I was very heartfelt by the amount of crosses and memorials I passed on the road. Also witnessing a moped vs vehicle accident during my stay. We, along with many other Americans across the US- Hawaii included, are in support of SB824. Please pass this bill along in confidence that it will save lives.

Mahalo!

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**From:** Taylor Stevens <taylor\_stevens001@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 12:22 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** SB824

I am in support of SB824. Please support and pass this bill in confidence that it will save lives!  
Mahalo!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Richard Crean <richardcrean@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 12:32 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Lexi's Law SB824 testimony

Greetings,

My name is Richard Crean and this is my testimony in favor of passing Lexi's Law SB824.

- 1) Alexis Jenkins was my friend.
- 2) I am a bicyclist since the age of 19. I am now 48 years old and since the age of 19 I have always worn a bicycle helmet.
- 3) I probably have rode my bike over 8,000 miles in my lifetime. Wearing a simple bicycle helmet has indeed saved my life from what would have been a tragic incident. That's a fact I can swear on a million bibles about.
- 4) I'll guess that the average tourist who visits Hawaii, like my friend Alexis who was killed, does not normally even ride a bicycle. Yet, renting a scooter sounds like a fun and easily controllable thing to do on a vacation.
- 5) The fact of the matter is that bicycles, scooters, and motorcycles require a special skill set in order to steer properly. It's called "counter steering" and if you want your two wheeled vehicle to move in a certain direction, you must "counter steer."
- 6) "Counter steering" is literally moving the two wheeled moped, scooter, bicycle, or motorcycle in the opposite direction that you don't want to go in order to have the bike naturally point like a gyroscope in that you do want it to go.
- 7) Yet, many people rent a scooter thinking it acts like a car; point and steer. This is far from the reality of the gyro-dynamics of how to properly control and steer a two wheeled vehicle. Some people are naturals at doing it because they practiced as kids on bikes. Yet, others may be prone to the same fate as Alexis Jenkins if they don't know how to at least ride a bicycle, let alone a motorized scooter.
- 8) If you don't pass this helmet law, you are signing the death warrant of others who will crash because they don't know how to ride a bike. It looks like fun, they will rent it unsuspectingly, thinking it operates like a car and they will crash.
- 9) How much death and physical trauma could be avoided with a simple helmet law? I know for a fact that people's lives will be saved. It's the main reason why I wear a helmet when I go bicycling, because even though my bicycling skill level is that of a professional, I know that accidents happen.
- 10) Thankfully I am not dead or a vegetable quadriplegic when my own accident happened. Had I not been wearing a helmet I would have smashed my head and caved my temple in on the hard edged corner of a simple sidewalk.
- 11) I was so grateful that I always wear my helmet and I am writing this today so that other families may not have to endure the pain and tragedy that fell upon my friend Alexis Jenkins and her family.
- 12) Again, I know for a fact that helmets will save the lives of many tourists who just simply want to have a good time, but don't understand the forces that they are dealing with on a moped.

Please hold the hearing and pass this into law. The lives you save may be those of your own extended family some day.

Thank you,  
Richard Crean  
212-444-2226



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**From:** Kayla Hammitt <kaylahammitt@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 12:35 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** SB824

I am in support of SB824. Please support and pass this bill in confidence that it will save lives!  
Mahalo!

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**From:** Deanna Harriman <dharriman@wavebusiness.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 2:13 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Lexi's Law SB824

I support Lexi's Law SB824 a mandatory helmet law for moped/scooter rentals and for those that do not hold a valid motorcycles license in any state.

This law can and will save lives and prevent possible head injuries. There has been enough research and statistics that prove this to be true.

Our loved ones need to be safe when visiting the islands.

Regards,

Deanna Harriman

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**From:** Linda Motz <lmotz@wavebusiness.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 2:14 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Lexi's Law SB824

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This law can and will save lives and prevent possible head injuries. There has been enough research and statistics that prove this to be true.

Our loved ones need to be safe when visiting the islands.

Regards,  
**Linda Motz**  
**El Dorado Hills, Ca**

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**From:** eduardo mejia <eduardo.mejia@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 2:27 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lexi's Law SB824

Dear Committee Members,

I support Lexi's Law SB824 a mandatory helmet law for moped/scooter rentals and for those that do not hold a valid motorcycles license in any state.

This law can and will save lives and prevent possible head injuries. There has been enough research and statistics that prove this to be true.

Our loved ones need to be safe when visiting the islands.

Regards,

Eduardo Mejia

Concerned Citizen, State of California

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 2:52:11 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marjorie Masalta	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I, Marjorie Masalta, am in support of SB824.

We have a responsibility as human beings to keep people safe when visiting or living on our beautiful islands. I have family that visit me from the mainland and I never thought for a second about them wearing a helmet when they rented a moped/scooter for a day. This has brought a new outlook on mopeds and their safety. The modifications alone being done on these two wheeled vehicle alone should be a big reason why either a helmet safety law should be implemented for those without motorcycle training. I have two sons that are motorcycle riders and have taken the necessary training both hold the necessary license to operate. Both sons are also motorcycle mechanics as well. Therefore, I have a clear understanding if a moped is modified to go beyond the limits in which they are intended. We are allowing non licensed operators on these two wheeled vehicles without any real training. The number the DOT provided is one too many lives lost in these deaths that some could possibly have been prevented had they been wearing a helmet.

The Jenkins paid the ultimate price in losing a child. They lost their ONLY child. No one should have to suffer that loss. No parent should have to out live their children let alone their ONLY child! We are losing too many visitors and people from our own community to something that could maybe prevent the death of a loved one or your loved one living the rest of their lives with a traumatic brain injury.

With that said, I support SB824 and if this saves one life on our beautiful islands the effort was well worth it!!

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 3:05:55 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacob Canada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Jacob Canada support SB824 and I am a seasoned and licensed motorcycle operator.

Helmets need to be worn especially on the mopeds that are rented due to most of the people renting them have little to no experience riding any kind of two wheeled motor vehicle.

You think it would be common sense. Even seasoned motorcycle riders know the dangers and wear helmets. Let alone a green horn with zero experience. Even if there isn't a law maybe all the local rental companies should just do it for the sake of their customers/ riders. You could always go directly to the source. Even if the vendors just had signs that warned people about the dangers of not wearing helmets and have helmets available if someone wants one they have them.

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 3:17:55 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul Sippel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I, Paul Sippel, am in support of SB824.

I have been on two wheels since I was 8 years old. That would make 41 years of riding, both on and off road. I began working at a Moto park in CA at age 11 and know first hand that helmets save lives.

That being said, i don't believe that a licensed driver of a motorcycle should be forced to wear a helmet. that is specifically because this person has the proven knowledge to be licensed and as such can make an informed decision.

An amateur rider is another story. they may have background in riding a motorized two wheel vehicle, but we definitely know they have not been proven educated enough to make an informed decision regarding the safety of both themselves and others. this is made even more important when you combine the fact that scooters do not operate in the same manner as most other cycles. with the lowest center of gravity of almost any motorized cycle it is neither smooth nor graceful. it is underpowered when traveling roads with full size vehicles. a strong cross wind will push you easily. and who probably has no knowledge of this? almost every renter of scooters.

I witnessed the outcome of Lexi's accident first hand. i covered her body. i know that a helmet would not of changed the outcome of this horrible blot on Maui. but for the sake of the next son or daughter that thinks a scooter would be fun, because how hard could it be, make them go home safe. make them wear protection if they are not licensed. let us be the uncles and aunties who look out for our ohana in spite of ourselves.

if you truly do not wish to wear a helmet, be licensed to ride.

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 3:27:22 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alice Tavidagian	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 4:06:11 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Michaels	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

On August 15, 2017, a young woman from California, riding a scooter right in front of my condo on Maui, was killed after colliding with a truck. She was not wearing a helmet.

SB824 targets untrained and unlicensed visitors by requiring scooter and moped rental companies to provide a helmet if the individual does not have one of their own. It specifically **EXEMPTS anyone with a motorcycle license** issued by any state in the U.S. Helmet laws have failed before in Hawaii because many local motorcycle owners don't want to wear a helmet. This bill **EXCLUDES** them. It **aims at only the unlicensed**, giving them a potential life-saving tool should they have an accident.

Many people resisted seat belts but it is the law because it saves lives. **This scooter and moped law will save lives. Please vote yes on SB824.**

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 4:10:03 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sandra Auwelo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Having worked in the ER and for the trauma program since 2005, I have seen far too many unnecessary injuries and deaths due to motorcycles and mopeds, including close family and friends. Many of these could have been prevented had the operator worn a helmet. Tourists come here and rent mopeds without particularly being skilled in operating a moped and more so, without knowing our roads. I ardently support the requirement of helmets for moped rentals, this can only save lives.

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 4:21:09 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jason Canada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I, Jason C., am in support of SB824 for a safety helmet law for the State of Hawaii.

I am a certified motorcycle mechanic and rider. I took serious training to obtain my motorcycle license. On a motorcycle you need to be aware at all times and anticipate what other drivers will potentially do on the road. Weather conditions on our islands can be extreme. Mopeds/scooters are pushed around by wind or a passing vehicle. Without the proper training or safety gear operating a two wheeled vehicle can be extremely dangerous. I don't believe they are receiving this training when renting a moped/scooter. If we are going to allow these rental companies to rent these two wheeled vehicles, modified or not, we need this Bill to pass and keep all visitors as safe as possible and I don't believe a helmet is too much to ask.

Please pass Bill SB824

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 4:53:26 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peggy Schecter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill will save lives! Please pass it.

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 5:28:59 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kim Corpus	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To the governing authorities of Hawaii,

To the transportation committee,

Thank you so much for helping us find a voice in the issue of a protective helmet law for the beautiful Islands of Hawaii. You so deserve it as part of a way of showing your great love of your homeland and preserving it has one of the happiest places on earth. Let's erase the stain of trajedy and enact this law to protect not only your wonderful locals but the world who is caught up in the awe that is Hawaii. This law serves and protects Hawaii and all who taste in its goodness. I'm certain that out of trajedy as in the case of the beautiful Lexi who lost her life there, we learn these hard lessons. Hard as it is we learn because to do nothing is to allow this mistake to happen again and we musn't let it happen and taint the great reputation of what Hawaii is all about. Let's not allow such a cloud to hang over Hawaii. Let's take care of this and move on to spreading joy and education on Hawaiian culture. Let's keep the focus on the beauty of Hawaii.

Grateful,

Kim Corpus

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 5:33:38 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sunny Juarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Lexi's Law SB824 and am respectfully requesting that legislation takes the number of moped/scooter fatalities on the island seriously and acts now. The DOT reported in testimony, 23 fatalities over 2 years, with 22 not wearing helmets. This is an average of one a month and that is not including head injuries sustained. This is not ok and legislation has the power to reduce the number of fatalities and head injuries. I would think this is a reasonable solution, to a growing concern on the islands we so love to visit. Hawaii doesn't need this type of reputation attached to it.

My Husband and I have a white water rafting company and we place a helmet on everyone of our patrons head. It makes sense!

Sunny Juarez

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 6:00:14 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
karen simpson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of SB824

As a frequent visitor of the Hawaiian Islands I have witnessed the increase in traffic every year. I also have read all of the social media and news reports and Hawaii definitely could benefit with a mandatory helmet law. If my children or grandchildren head to the islands and decide to rent a moped, we would hope that a helmet would be mandatory. It is common knowledge of the dangers of these motorbikes, why wouldn't Hawaii protect those that have little experience on them? I believe this to be a reasonable request. My husband was in a serious motorcycle accident in Las Vegas, Nevada and a Helmet saved his life. It can save your loved ones as well.

Sincerely,

Karin Chastain Simpson

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 6:05:37 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kate	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please help us keep others safe so that things that happened to Lex don't happen to others.



**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 6:29:43 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stan Huls	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass SB 824 to absolutely save lives! Most people who rent mopeds in Hawaii lack motorcycle license endorsement and handling experience. SB 824 will save countless lives by limiting injury from any accidents. Freedom of choice for people who already possess motorcycle endorsement on their drivers licenses will not be curtailed. Please vote to pass SB824 to save the lives of the most vulnerable, it's the right thing to do.

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 7:08:06 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Hill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello, my name is David Hill. I am asking for you to please pass SB824 LexisLaw. 23 deaths in 2 years is 23 to many. 22 of them were not wearing a helmet. How many of those 22 might have lived if this law was pass years ago. This should be the easiest law to ever pass.

Thank you

David & Lisa Hill

**TESTIMONY OF  
LARRY S VERAY  
TO  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
*SUPPORT OF SB 824 SD1*  
*RELATING TO RENTALS OF MOPEDS AND MOTOR SCOOTERS*  
MARCH 11, 2019**

Aloha, Chair Henry Aquino, Vice Chair Troy Hashimoto and Committee members. Although I am Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21, I am submitting this testimony as an individual. Our Board previously voted on previous legislation in support of improving safety and noise control for mopeds.

This bill is extremely important to enhance the safety of those who operate mopeds and scooters from a rental company making it mandatory for the licensed operator to wear a safety helmet using Hawaii roadways. This bill will also prohibit the aftermarket modification to moped or scooter motors by rental companies.

You have the ability to dramatically improve the safety of the many tourists and local residents who rent mopeds and scooters. Helmets for those riders will save many lives and should be mandatory for all motorcycles, scooters and mopeds.

I most strongly urge you to pass SB824 HD1. Mahalo!

Very respectfully,

*Larry S. Veray*

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 7:36:01 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith Michaels	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Representatives:

**I strongly support bill SB824 SD1**

On August 15, 2017, a 24-year-old woman from California was riding a rental scooter on the road in front of my home on Maui. Ms Lexi Jenkins died after losing control of her scooter and colliding with a truck. She suffered a head injury and died at the scene – she was not wearing a helmet, if she had been wearing a helmet she may have survived. This was a horrible tragedy.

The Jenkins paid the ultimate price, losing their ONLY child. No one should have to suffer that loss. We are losing too many visitors and folks from our own communities – these folks rent scooters and mopeds with no expertise on how to operate them. They compete with cars and trucks on our roadways most without any bike lanes or shoulders. Wearing a helmet would give them a better chance of surviving if they are in an accident, all the statistics show this is true!

No one should die on our roads because they are not wearing the proper safety gear. We require every passenger in a car or truck to wear a seat belt – Why, because it saves lives. This bill will save lives.

SB824 targets untrained and unlicensed visitors by requiring scooter and moped rental companies to provide a helmet if the individual does not have one of their own. It specifically EXEMPTS anyone with a motorcycle license issued by any state in the U.S. This bill EXCLUDES them. It aims at only the unlicensed, giving them a potential life-saving tool should they have an accident.

Please support SB824 SD1 – It will save lives.

Thank you.

Judith Michaels

Kihei, Maui 96753



**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:13:16 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donald	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This will save lives. Sad to see someone so out going and full of life die.

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:27:12 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Emily Fink	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

I am writing to request that you please pass Lexi's Law SB824. I was childhood friends with Alexis (Lexi). While we grew apart in our later years, we kept loosely in touch, and I saw how Lexi lived life to the fullest. She did more things in her twenty-four years than most will do in a lifetime — adventuring, serving others, exploring various hobbies and ventures, etc. Her life tragically ended on a moped.

Now, in my late twenties, I am married, own a home, am fully invested in my career, and we hope to have a baby in the next 3-5 years. These are things that Lexi will never get to experience. It breaks my heart to see her parents missing their only child on a daily basis. This is pain no parent should have to experience, especially due to a loss that was likely preventable with a simple difference: a helmet.

I understand that people can choose to wear helmets, but why make it a choice? It's not that much of an inconvenience, and if it saves even one life, the law would be worth it. This law would be especially beneficial for tourists, as they are the ones who do not always fully comprehend the dangers of mopeds. They are not familiar with the roads. They do not know that many deaths occur on mopeds every year.

Please, let Lexi's death mean something. Let it cause change. Let it save countless lives. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Emily

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:40:59 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bob Kern	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha - I support SB 824 that enhances the safety pf moped riders who are particularly vulnerable when on the streets of Hawaii.

In support of the health and well being of the people of Hawaii who are disturbed by noise of mopeds, I support this bill, as well, because it requires that no person who rents or leases a moped shall supply it with an aftermarket modifications.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Kern



**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 9:29:50 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ron Schecter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Very important. Bill should be passed. Common sense way to save lives.

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 5:14:55 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Renee Meehan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

please help parents and family members have peace of mind when our loved ones travel to your beautiful State of Hawaii. People feel like nothing could possibly go wrong being surrounded by such beauty, but too many of know that things can go terribly wrong. Enforcing a helmet law will not take away from the beauty of your State or the joy of riding mopeds. It will only help to insure the safety of those choosing Hawaii to spend their vacation time. Please keep our loved ones safe!

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Submitted on: 3/12/2019 6:28:52 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donna Farr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB824 because it will save lives

sincerely, Donna Farr

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 6:33:43 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Avery Kaz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Avery Kaz and I strongly support Lexi's Law.

Alexis Jenkins was a dear friend of mine, and it breaks my heart knowing that her death may have been prevented if she had been wearing a helmet on that fateful day she was riding a motor scooter.

Many years ago, I myself used to ride motorcycles. However, a very bad accident left me with compound fractures to my left arm (approximately 30 fractures) and left leg (approximately 20 fractures). My life was saved because I was wearing a helmet; in fact, there is a chunk missing in the forehead region of my helmet where my head had it's initial impact.

It is well understood that there are inherent dangers associated with two-wheeled motorized cycles, particularly when driven on public roads; and that accidents can happen to both experienced and novice riders alike. However, that risk is exponentially increased when the rider has little experience. Many novice riders, I believe, are not fully aware of all of the potential dangers and distractions surrounding them. Additionally, there is a false sense of safety that many novice riders have, thinking that because they are riding a moped or scooter — and not a larger, more powerful and faster motorcycle — that they likely won't get that hurt in the event of an accident. This couldn't be further from the truth.

While a new helmet law cannot bring Alexis back, it is my hope that this law will help prevent countless other people from losing their valuable lives; and thereby also eliminate the pain and suffering their loved ones would subsequently have to endure from such losses.

I sincerely ask that you support SB824 Lexi's Law. Many lives will undoubtedly be saved, and an even greater number of people will not have to suffer crushing heartbreak.

Respectfully,

Avery Kaz, Ph.D.

Human Anatomy, Orthopedics

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 7:24:19 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Valerie Weston	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this SB824 SD1. Lexis Law....It is very important to save lives. I am a native of Hawaii and have many family members that I want to be safe living on the islands....thank you...

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 8:32:40 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leigh Ann Weiss	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill so no other family has to go through the devastating loss my friends had to incur. By passing this bill you could save many other lives and it is just the right thing to do.

Big Hugs.

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**From:** Katy Sauer <katesauer21@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 2:40 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Lexi's Law SB824

I support this bill, LexisLaw SB824. This will not bring my friend Lex back, but maybe it will save someone else's loved one in Lexi's honor.

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Donna Mauldin <donnamauldin1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 4:01 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** SB824 Lexilaw

This bill/law could save so many lives. Thank you, for your time on this matter. Sincerely Donna Mauldin

Sent from my iPhone

I, Shea Ratliff, am in support of SB824 for a Helmet Safety Law for rentals of mopeds/scooters for those that do not hold the necessary license to operate such a vehicle.

I implore you to pass this law to keep future visitors to our islands safe so that they can return home the same way they arrived.

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**From:** Brianna LeDoux <brianna\_ledoux@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 4:05 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** SB824

I am in support of SB824. Please support and pass this bill in confidence that it will save lives!  
Mahalo!

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**From:** Danielle Gartee <danielleg03@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 4:33 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Lexi's Law SB824

I support Lexi's Law SB824 a mandatory helmet law for moped/scooter rentals and for those that do not hold a valid motorcycles license in any state.

This law can and will save lives and prevent possible head injuries. There has been enough research and statistics that prove this to be true.

Our loved ones need to be safe when visiting the islands.

Regards,

Danielle M. Gartee

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**From:** KAMI KESZLER <kkeszler@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 4:57 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Pass Lexi's Law!!!

I support Lexi's Law SB824 a mandatory helmet law for moped/scooter rentals and for those that do not hold a valid motorcycles license in any state.

This law can and will save lives and prevent possible head injuries. There has been enough research and statistics that prove this to be true.

Our loved ones need to be safe when visiting the islands.

Regards,

Kami Keszler

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Pamela Dobson <pamela.dobson@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 5:28 PM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** LEXISB824

Hello

Please pass Lexi helmet law.

Lexi was visiting Hawaii for the first time. Just 24 years old. She's an only child of Danielle and Tim Jenkins.

They lost thier only child to a tragic accident on 8-15-2017.

LEXI was riding a moped with out a helmet and hit a truck head on.

So many memories of this beautiful young lady

Her parents devoted thier life to her.

It wasent easy for Danielle to get pregnant and yet her angel was born 4-13-1993

Please think about losing your only child.

Maybe it could have been prevented by simply wearing a helmet.

It's worth the change to make hemlets mandatory and maybe save a life.

Maybe yours!!!!

Kindest regards

Pamela Dobson

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** Dan Gayaldo <dgayaldo@puhsd.k12.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:19 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** LEXISLAW SB824

House Transportation Committee of Hawaii,

I am writing this email in support of Lexi's Law SB824. As Principal of Del Oro High School where Lexi graduated, I urge you to take a good hard look at the positive impact of this proposed Law. SB824 will save lives and nothing is more important than that.

Sincerely,  
Dan Gayaldo

Principal

Del Oro High School

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 4:24:50 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steven Loretero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



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Submitted on: 3/12/2019 4:26:03 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pancho Owens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill in accordance with Street Bikers United reasoning and justifications.

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**From:** donna whiteacre <donnawhiteacre@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 5:45 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Subject:** Lexislaw808



Sent from my iPhonePlease pass this along! It means a lot to all of our friends and family.

**LATE**

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 5:16:41 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
donald hudson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 6:47:09 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terrill Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The logic behind this Bill is flawed.

**LATE**

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 6:48:27 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ikuko Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This Bill does not make sense as written.

## In Opposition to SB 824 SD1

**LATE**

My Name is Roy Gomez, I am a member of Street Bikers United, and I have been riding motorcycles for over 45 years. I am opposed to SB 824 SD1.

The language of Bill SB824, seeks to apply Mandatory Helmet requirements to Persons who rent or lease a Moped or Motor Scooter to someone must require they comply with the requirement the renter or lessee wears a Helmet, regardless of age, the proposed legislation however laudable, is fraught with enforceability and constitutional problems which are described.

The primary argument of many helmet law opponents is that if the federal government enacted a mandatory helmet law, the regulation would encroach on states' rights. As you read in the above paragraphs, even Congress seems unsure of its proper role in deciding whether helmets should be mandatory.

Street Bikers United is a Hawaii Motorcycle Rights Organization promoting Motorcycle Safety and Education, and is a charitable organization that opposes proposed helmet laws. We argue that education, not legislation is the key factor in creating a safe environment for motorcyclists.

A similar organization, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), has advocated for motorcyclists since 1924. This organization supports helmet laws aimed at minors who ride motorcycles. They agree that younger riders may lack the needed maturity to make a proper decision about helmet use. Interestingly, the group also encourages the use of helmets for all motorcyclists, but drastically opposes legislation requiring helmets on the theory that the decision of when to wear a helmet should be left to each individual biker. Which is why SBU supports our current Hawaii Helmet Laws for Minors.

Many opponents assert that merely wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle is an unnecessary and insufficient method of guarding oneself against injury. Instead, they claim, riders should educate themselves on safe riding practices and avoid dangerous situations entirely. Their view is that helmet laws do nothing to prevent accidents; only education and safe riding can prevent accidents.

Further, opponents counter the argument that motorcyclists place an undue burden on taxpayers by noting that when the costs of injuries to motorcycle riders are examined in the context of the large scale health care picture, the sum of money paid on behalf of motorcyclists is not astounding. A Harborview Medical Center study discovered that the percentage of motorcyclists who relied on public funding for medical treatment (63.4%) was actually lower than that of the general population (67%). Similarly, the University of North Carolina's Highway Safety Research Center found that 49.5% of injured motorcyclists had insurance to cover their medical costs, were nearly identical compared with 50.4% of other road trauma victims

Thank you for your understanding

Roy Gomez  
374 North Vineyard Blvd F-31  
Honolulu, Hi 96817

**LATE**

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 8:00:03 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
LIBRADO COBIAN	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I am opposed to this Bill because i Feel it is a backdoor tactic to impose the same Helmet mandate for Motorcycles. I am a huge proponent of wearing safety equipment on any 2 wheel vehicle on street roads or freeways. I always wear a helmet and boots when i ride a motorcycle and thats my choice and right , I dont have the right to make others do that . The public should have the right to choose and make that decision on their own . They also have the choice to wear shorts or slippers when they ride a moped or motorcycle. Whats next later , will that also be prohibited ? . The Government needs to stop being parents for adults and impose their choice on others. . Li Cobian 30 year Motorcycle Rder .

**LATE**

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 8:35:19 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bob Brothers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. Please pass this law to help promote safety, prevent further injury and loss of life. Every state should have a helmet law.



**LATE**

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 8:37:30 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judith Rod	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

EDUCATION AND EXCELLENT RIDING SKILLS TO AVOID THE ACCIDENTS. MOPED RIDERS SHOULD BE MANDATORY TO TAKE SAFETY CLASSES BEFORE RIDING ON OUR ROADS. IT SHOULD ALWAYS BE UP TO THE RIDER TO CHOOSE.

**LATE**

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 9:16:13 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malana Paige	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**SB-824-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 9:17:28 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Braanna Kunz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: