

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1772

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: S.B. No. 1291

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 1291, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Include autocycles equipped with handlebars in the definition of motorcycle in the Hawaii Safety Act; and
- (2) Exempt motorcycles and motor scooters with a roll bar, roll cage, or fully enclosed cab from the safety helmet requirement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Arcimoto, Forth, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that electric three-wheeled vehicles that are similar to motorcycles are becoming increasingly popular throughout the State. However, under existing law, it is unclear whether these vehicles are classified as motorcycles or autocycles, therefore causing confusion as to which type of license is required to drive them. This measure will clarify this

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issue so that vehicles with handlebars and three wheels can meet the definition of the type of vehicles that may be operated with a general class 3 driver's license.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1291, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1291, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


HENRY J. C. AQUINO, Chair



