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**S.B. 615**  
**RELATING TO RENTALS OF MOPEDS AND MOTOR SCOOTERS**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B 615 which requires the use of helmets by motorcycle, scooter and moped operators, as well as require rental companies of such vehicles to provide safety helmets to their customers.

A helmet law will reduce the amount of head injuries and fatalities for these types of roadway users. According to the Department of Health's Hawaii Injury Prevent Plan 2012 to 2017, properly worn helmets prevent deaths and brain injuries. In the event of a crash, helmets reduce the risk of death by 42% and the risk of a head injury by 69%. From 2014 through 2016, 782 un-helmeted motorcyclists and moped operators were transported by EMS to hospitals for treatment.

According to Fatality Analysis Reporting System, there were 20 motorcycle, scooter, and moped fatalities in 2019. Of those, 14 operators or 70 percent were not wearing helmets.

The DOT believes that it is unnecessary to include amendments to Section 286-81 subsection (b) and Section 291C-206 (a) in the bill. Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 286-102 defines licensing requirements for operators of mopeds, motor scooters and motorcycle and HRS 291C-206 prohibits the modification of mopeds. Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 19-131 governs the equipment required on a moped.

Lastly, both HRS Section 286-2 and HRS Section 291C-1 currently define the motor scooter as a motorcycle with a motor which produces not more than five horsepower but excludes a moped. As such, it is unnecessary to duplicate the full definition for motorcycle for motor scooters in the amendment to the definitions in Section 291C-1 and Section 291C-1, HRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 4, 2021

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
The Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 224  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

**SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 615, Relating to Rentals of Mopeds and Motor Scooters**

I am Walter Ozeki, Major of District 7 (East Honolulu) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 615, Relating to Rentals of Mopeds and Motor Scooters, with concerns.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in addressing motorcycle safety has clearly stated "the single most effective way for states to save lives and save money is a universal helmet law." The statistics supporting the lifesaving, injury mitigating, and reduced economic costs associated with helmet wearing are clear. In 2020, Oahu experienced 11 fatal and 14 critical motor vehicle collisions involving either motorcycles, mopeds, or bicycles. Of those 25 collisions, 23 of the victims were not wearing a helmet.

Mopeds and motor scooters are highly accessible to the younger segment of the population. Due to the low cost of renting a moped and/or motor scooter, it is also very attractive and sometimes the only alternative transportation for visitors to our islands. This combination of young and inexperienced operators and those unfamiliar with our roadways provide for a risky situation that is only amplified by the lack of required safety equipment.

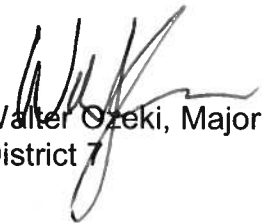
The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
and Members  
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While the Honolulu Police Department supports the intent of the bill, there is a concern with Section 8 that prohibits the rental or leasing to another person a moped or motor scooter that has aftermarket modifications to the motor that increases the power capacity of the motor above two horsepower. It is unclear how or by whom this provision will be enforced as actual horsepower measures are never taken.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 615, Relating to Rentals of Moped and Motor Scooters, with consideration to the aforementioned concern.


Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Walter Ozeki, Major  
District 7

APPROVED:



Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

February 4, 2021

Hon. Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Hon. Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: MOPED AND MOTOR SCOOTER RENTALS (SB 615), SUPPORT INTENT with AMENDMENT**

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

AAA Hawaii will **Support Intent with amendments** SB 615 (Baker). This bill requires operators who rent mopeds or scooters wear helmets. It excludes motorcycle renters. We generally support universal helmet laws and consider its use to be a very important and effective traffic safety counter measure in saving lives and preventing serious injuries. While SB 615 is a great start, we respectfully request the following amendments to ensure the law meets its intended objective.

Apply the law to all moped and motor scooter users. There is limited data to demonstrate moped and motor scooter renters are riskier operators than owners. In contrast, there was a 2014 Florida study of 5,660 moped and scooter crashes that found a greater proportion (55.7%) of severe injury crashes occurred among those who reported owning their vehicles. (Miggins, 2014)

We are also concerned singling out renters both limits the effectiveness of any helmet law in Hawaii and challenges law enforcement officials with the impossible task of having to recognize the difference between renters and owners. Both these issues can be addressed by making this helmet law applicable to everyone.

Require all motor scooter passengers wear helmets. Motor scooters can travel up to 40 mph in Hawaii. Bodies tossed from a moving vehicle at high speeds without protective headgear could be just as dangerous as a pedestrian being hit by a moving vehicle. Motor scooter operators and passengers are both equally at risk of serious injury or fatality in most collisions.

Unfortunately, helmet use is generally extremely low in Hawaii even though moped and scooter travels can be as dangerous as driving cars. Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) 2018 Highway Safety Plan found helmet use among moped riders was around 16% compared to 59% for motorcyclists in 2015. (HDOT, 2018) A undeniable fact is that unhelmeted riders have an increased chance of serious injuries and poorer hospital outcomes.

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AAA Hawaii strongly supports the Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan's (2019-2024) recommendations for motorcycle, motor scooter and moped safety. This report calls for the implementation of a universal helmet law in Hawaii and policies that ensure for "clarity, consistency and efficiency" in regulating motorcycles, motor scooters and mopeds. SB 615 should be amended to come closer to these recommendations.

AAA Hawaii was founded in 1915 in Honolulu and is a leader in motorist services and a strong advocate for traffic safety. With almost 170,000 members in Hawaii and 60 million nationwide, service to and the safety of our members, other motorists, and all road users is our founding and continuing purpose. Helmets alone cannot prevent traffic safety collisions, but they can act as the last line of defense for motor scooter and moped operators in preventing serious trauma. From seat belts to helmets, all road users need to stay ready for the dangers around them. We share Senator Baker's effort to road safety and appreciate his legislative objective. AAA Hawaii is ready to support SB 615 with these requested amendments.

Sincerely,

*Liane Sumida*

Liane Sumida  
General Manager

#### References

Makesha Miggins, M. L. (2014). *Mopeds and Scooters: Crash Outcomes in a High Traffic State*. The Journal of Trauma: Injury, Infection, and Critical Care.  
Hawaii Department of Transportation. (2018). *Hawaii 2018 Highway Safety Plan*. State of Hawaii.

I support Lexi Law and SB615 and HB857. As I have made many trips over to islands over the years and feel the importance to keeping the visitor and islanders safe with using a helmet on all scooters and mopeds is imperative.

Regards,

Rodney Martin

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**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 6:41:19 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support Lexi Law and SB615 and HB857. As I have made many trips over to islands over the years and feel the importance to keeping the visitor and islanders safe with using a helmet on all scooters and mopeds Is imperative.

Regards,

Jennifer Martin

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 6:51:56 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I SUPPORT LEXI LAW SB615. PLEASE BRING IT TO LAW

THANK YOU

TREVOR TROMBINO



**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:15:54 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support Lexi's law SB615

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:19:07 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support Lexi's Law SB615.

Thank you,

Sami Pratt

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:28:13 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support the Lexi Law SB615.

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:38:56 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hi peggy seagren support this helmet law too many people have been killed riding these machines that are mopeds or scooters it should be a lot all over the world

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:51:54 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I have had several friends killed on a moped and scooters without helmets I feel it is necessary for everyone to wear a helmet I feel too many places have been relaxed about this and they need to have a helmet law

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 9:17:09 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support Lexi Law SB615. Thank you. Jackie Herring.

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 9:17:29 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support Lexi law sb615.

thank you,

Brandon Trombino

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 1:03:46 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support LexiLaw SB 615.

Thank you



**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 2:50:31 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

## Comments:

I'm 100% for the helmet law. I know several people that have passed away because they weren't wearing a helmet in an accident, and/or brain damage, and I feel it's not safe for people to be riding motorcycles and scooters/Mopeds without a helmet. Save lives!!!

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 5:38:59 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB615 whole heartedly. I do not wish for anyone else to go through what our family went through. I believe helmets laws are like seatbelt laws. They are both safety and life saving measures.

Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair  
Committee on Transportation

Annie Chang  
SB 615, Relating to Rentals of Mopeds and Motor Scooters  
Thursday, February 4, 2021  
3:00 pm in Conference Room 224

To: Chair Senator Lee, Vice Chair Senator Inouye, and the Committee on Transportation

Aloha, my name is Annie Chang and I am a student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I am testifying against the Senate Bill 615 and specifically, I am in opposition of the partial half statement of the bill.

SB 615 states that although riders who rent motorcycles are required to wear helmets, riders who possess a valid motorcycle license are exempted from this mandatory helmet use. Why are those with a valid license not required to wear a helmet? What difference is there between having a motorcycle license and renting a motorcycle that either requires or doesn't require one to use a helmet? The main reason why I oppose this bill is because of the statement that motorcyclists with a valid license to operate a motorcycle are exempted from wearing a helmet.

This bill that is presented today introduces the audience with statistical evidence by stating that properly worn helmets reduce fatalities and the severity of injuries. Despite providing evidence that wearing helmets increases the safety of motorcycle riders, only riders who rent these vehicles are applied. With all respect, is this only applied to rental companies because of the accountability measures in case of an accident? Motorcycle helmet laws should be implemented for all riders.

For example, in the perspective of cars, seat belts are equivalent to helmets. In Hawai'i, seat belts are required by law for both drivers and passengers. Why? Mainly for the safety of every individual in the vehicle. For all rider's safety, cars have seat belts and motorcycles have helmets. Excluding riders with a motorcycle license from wearing a helmet seems a bit contradictory. In addition, in most news articles regarding a car or motorcycle accident, whether a helmet or seat belt was worn is often mentioned.

Regardless of renting a motorcycle or not, all motorcyclists should wear helmets at all times for their own safety. Therefore, again, I am in opposition of SB 615.

Thank you,  
Annie Chang

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 7:41:33 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

So many lives could be saved by this law.I believe in the importance of helmet laws.  
Thank you,Donna Mauldin

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 8:36:18 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill! Save lives!

Michelle Avalos

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 8:36:24 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael James Clarke	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing to humbly request that the Transportation Committee please fully support SB615 Lexi's Law.

Our good friends Danielle & Tim Jenkins tragically lost their beautiful daughter Lexi in a moped accident in Maui on August 15, 2017. Unfortunately, she was not wearing a helmet that may have hopefully saved her life.

I personally have been riding motorcycles for over 50 years now. I would never ever ride without a helmet and do not know why anyone would, especially considering their sole purpose is "to protect the rider's **head** during impact, thus preventing or reducing **head** injury and saving the rider's life" (Wikipedia).

Please pass this very necessary law so as to protect the often innocent and unskilled General Public while on vacation in beautiful Hawaii.

Thank you very much.

Michael (aka Mick) Clarke

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 8:43:57 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linette Knuedler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing to sincerely request that the Transportation Committee please fully support SB615 Lexi's Law.

Our good friends Danielle & Tim Jenkins tragically lost their beautiful daughter Lexi in a moped accident in Maui on August 15, 2017. Unfortunately, she was not wearing a helmet that may have hopefully saved her life.

My family has been riding motorcycles for over 50 years now and I would never ever let any of them ride anywhere or anything without a helmet. If the sole purpose of a helmet is "to protect the rider's **head** during impact, thus preventing or reducing **head** injury and saving the rider's life" (Wikipedia) then why would anyone ride any type of bike, moped or cycle without them?

Please pass this very necessary law so as to protect the often innocent and unskilled General Public while on vacation in beautiful Hawaii.

Thank you very much.

Linette Knuedler

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 8:46:30 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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I personally have been riding bikes, mopeds & motorcycles for over 55 years now. I would never ever ride any type of cycle without a helmet and do not know why anyone would, especially considering their sole purpose is "to protect the rider's **head** during impact, thus preventing or reducing **head** injury and saving the rider's life" (Wikipedia).

Please pass this very necessary law so as to protect the often innocent and unskilled General Public while on vacation in beautiful Hawaii.

Thank you very much.

Don Knuedler



**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 10:32:05 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I think this is an important law to implicate nearly for the reason that when people are on vacation they think that they are invincible. There has been too many visitors renting mopeds, not thinking twice about wearing a helmet and getting into life threatening accidents and this needs to be put to a stop. No family should hurt over a situation like this. Yes accidents happen, but by wearing a helmet I think some of those accidents would not be as serious.

Sincerely,

Brittany Hill

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 11:24:35 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to request that the Transportation Committee please hold a hearing for SB615 Lexi's Law.

My good friends Danielle & Tim Jenkins tragically lost their beautiful daughter Lexi in a moped accident in Maui on August 15, 2017. Unfortunately, she was not wearing a helmet that may have saved her life.

Please hold a committee hearing and pass this very necessary law to protect the innocent and unskilled riders while on vacation in beautiful Hawaii. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Shawna Jefferson

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 1:55:11 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Support Lexi's Law SB615! I would definitely like a helmet law implemented and enforced, for the safety of myself and others visiting the islands.

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**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 4:09:17 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Legislature,

Please pass Lexi's Law! Wearing a helmet when riding a rental scooter will save someone's loved one from dying! I support the use of helmets, and I beseech you to help families be as safe as they can when they visit Hawaii.

Thank you,

Laurie Crosson

**LATE**

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 5:34:10 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I would like to urge the senate to pass this senate bill. It would add an additional layer of safety to moped riders and motor scooter riders. A helmet should always be required equipment when operating a motorized bike or moped. Thank you for your support of the bill.

Matt Bouchard

**LATE**

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 7:45:38 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My good friend, among many others have lost their lives due to not having any helmet laws. Please increase the chances of our loved ones coming home to us after visiting your beautiful islands & increase you chances of people visiting and enjoying your tourist areas. Please help save lives.

**LATE**

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 11:35:27 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support the Lexi Law

**LATE**

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/4/2021 8:57:39 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I believe that helmets must be required for the rental of any moped or scooter on the island of Hawaii.



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**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/4/2021 10:11:42 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this Bill.

**LATE**

**From:** [Richard Crean](#)  
**To:** [Arwyn Jackson](#)  
**Subject:** URGENT TESTIMONY SB615 & HB857  
**Date:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:44:21 AM

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It's with a heavy, and tearful heart that I submit this testimony.

Please write SB615 & HB857 (Lexi's Law) into LAW; Make them law!

I have been an avid bicyclist for decades, I'm basically a pro-cyclist at this point in my life and even though my bicycle goes nowhere near the speed of a moped, I always wear my helmet because it's highly dangerous to be on the road without one. Now, take a bunch of tourists who may not even have the decades of bicycling experience that I do, and put them on the road with a fast moped; this is a recipe for disaster to happen!! You need look no further than what happened to Alexis Jenkins for the proof. Perhaps she would be alive today if there was a helmet law to protect her. Please pass SB615 & HB857.

Thank you!  
Richard Crean  
212-444-2226 cell

**LATE**

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/4/2021 12:21:42 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to request that the Transportation Committee please hold a hearing for SB824 Lexi's Law.

My good friends Danielle & Tim Jenkins tragically lost their beautiful daughter Lexi in a moped accident in Maui on August 15, 2017. Unfortunately, she was not wearing a helmet that may have saved her life.

Please hold a committee hearing and pass this very necessary law to protect the innocent and unskilled riders while on vacation in beautiful Hawaii. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Steve Jefferson

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**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/4/2021 12:25:38 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chauntell and Lexi's Law Supporters	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Lexi's Law 808 had received 320 signatures in SUPPORT of a helmet. This should not even be in question. It is a matter of Safety and life saving efforts.

**LATE**

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/4/2021 12:27:06 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello my name is Randy Simpson and I am asking you to please support SB615 / Lexi's Law. As a motorcycle rider for over 40 years I have buried to many friends and even family from motorcycle & moped accidents 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 SB615 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 SB615 regardless of the law requiring it or not on a motorcycle.

The motorcycle groups have no reason to oppose SB615 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 SB615!

Thank You

Randy Simpson

702-218-3851

**LATE**

**SB-615**

Submitted on: 2/4/2021 12:28:32 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB615.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2021 12:30:12 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support bill SB615



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Submitted on: 2/4/2021 12:31:04 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support sb615 in hopes no one else loses their life.

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/4/2021 12:58:43 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha from Jack Nordby,

As a 10 year resident of Maui County, and a lifelong motorcycle rider, I have personally observed many moped/scooter riders who I can be certain had little to none moped or motorcycle experience or skills. Far too many times these people are also not wearing helmets which in my opinion, could save their lives in the always unexpected changes that will take place when riding a motorized scooter . I cringe when I see them because it automatically reminds me of the tragic end that Alexis Jenkins met on what appeared to be a safe road in the Wailea area.

Because of my passion and pain of what happened to Alexis Jenkins, any law passed that would require helmets to inexperienced riders, that could and would prevent injuries and/or death from an accident, is so essential for those who want to enjoy Hawaii on a moped/scooter.

It is my personal desire and hope to see Lexi's Law Bill overwhelmingly passed to begin the process of protecting the lives of residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for hearing my voice on this matter. Please feel free to call me at 808 419-8184

Mahalo, Jack Nordby

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Submitted on: 2/4/2021 1:20:32 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I strongly support Lexi's Law SB615 as I am Alexis's Daddy. August 15, 2017 my wife and I lost our only child in Maui due to a Scooter accident next to the Wailea Golf Club, across from Makena Surf. Lex was an avid golfer and made the Varsity Team her Sophmore year of High School and my "Golf Partner" (supposed to be my Caddy). Lex had a beautiful and effortless swing. Being a Black Belt, Snowboarder, Snow Skiier, Water Skiier, Wakeboarder, Skydiver (16 solo jumps in) and going for her certification, she was highly skilled and trained. Unfortunately we did not give her lessons in riding motorcyles, scooters, mopeds etc... A helmet to protect my childs fragile head, would have possibly saved her, prevented Head Injury, prevented others from experiencing the vision on your roadways and allowed me to kiss my amazing and beautiful childs face a final Good Bye.

All of you would of loved her and let me tell you, she gives us many signs and amazing people to keep us going. She definitely keeps us on our toes and guides us to unknown places, such as Legislation. Let's protect others from experiencing what we have gone through and placing a helmet on our loved ones head.

Warmest Regards,

Tim Jenkins

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Submitted on: 2/4/2021 1:45:00 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Please know that I write this testimony with tears and such love in my heart for the loss of my only child and for others. I often am numb, cry, dismayed, lost and confused on many things and why this happened to us? The only thing I can come up with to somehow justify what happened, is that it was to save someone else's loved one. I want to save someone from feeling the every second of every day pain, that all of us around the world feel from the loss of Lex. One Breath At A Time A Day Is Too Long! I implore you, as well as many others to protect our loved ones fragile heads with a helmet.

In Love and Protection,

Danielle Jenkins aka Alexis Patrice Jenkins Mommy

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Submitted on: 2/4/2021 2:19:02 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support Lexi's Law SB615 as one of Alexis's neighbors growing up and Equestrian Mentors. Unfortunately in my younger days, helmets were pretty much nonexistent and I had to learn the hard way. I still am currently undergoing residuals from those days and if I would have had that knowledge, some of those injuries could have been circumvented or inhibited.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Jansen

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Submitted on: 2/4/2021 2:35:08 PM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please require helmets with the rentals of mopeds and scooters

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Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support Bill SB615