

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3291

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1903
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1903, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DATA ABOUT SNORKELS AND MASKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require first responders to record in the incident report for each water rescue event the type of snorkel and mask, if any, worn by the person who was rescued or recovered.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from twenty-nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that, according to the Hawaii Tourism Authority's snorkel safety study, which was conducted from August 2017 to April 2021, snorkeling is the most common activity associated with visitor drownings. Your Committee further finds that, due to a lack of evidence, it is difficult for researchers to determine whether the type of snorkel or mask worn increases the risk of drowning. Your Committee believes that recording standardized, empirical data about the type of snorkel and mask used, if any, will help demonstrate whether certain types of



snorkels or masks lead to a higher risk of drowning. This measure will allow the State to make well-informed policy changes to decrease the number of snorkeling deaths in the State by requiring first responders to record in the incident report for each water rescue event the type of snorkel and mask, if any, worn by the person who was rescued or recovered.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Restoring language that was deleted by the House of Representatives designating the measure as the "David Loasby Law"; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1903, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1903, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,

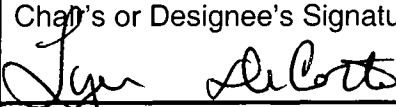


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1903, HD1	PSM, JDC	3/15/2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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