

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2338

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3206

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 S.B. No. 3206 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 Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea and sixty-eight individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
Health.

Your Committee finds that every year an average of sixty-six
Hawaii residents and visitors experience snorkel related drowning
events, including twenty which are ultimately fatal. Currently,
data is not systematically collected on the circumstances of the
event or type of snorkel. Your Committee believes that
understanding snorkel use can lead to better public health
messaging and improvements in snorkel design. This measure will
allow the State to assess the risk of certain equipment and
ultimately take action to inform and protect the thousands of
people who snorkel in Hawaiian waters each day by requiring first
responders to include 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.

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 S.B. No. 3206 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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,

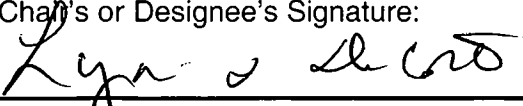
Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 3206	PSM, JDC	2/10/2022		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <small>2312 2311 2310 2313</small>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
RIVIERE, Gil				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes