

Honolulu, Hawaii

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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 Judiciary, 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 the type of snorkel and mask, if any, worn by the person who was rescued or recovered in the incident report for each water rescue event.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea and forty-two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that, according to the Hawaii Tourism Authority's snorkel safety study, conducted from August 2017 to April 2021, drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among visitors to the State and snorkeling is the most common activity associated with visitor drownings. However, 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. 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, that were worn by the person who was rescued or recovered.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary 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 Third Reading.

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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 3206	PSM, JDC	03-03-22		
<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 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	6	-	-	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes