

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1675

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 706  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B.  
No. 706, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require all  
skateboard users under the age of sixteen to wear a helmet while  
operating a skateboard.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Transportation, Keiki Injury Prevention  
Coalition, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that according to the National Institute  
on Mental Health, the pre-frontal cortex of a person's brain is  
one of the last parts to fully mature. The pre-frontal cortex is  
a critical area of the brain that is responsible for skills like  
planning, prioritizing, and making good decisions, and does not  
fully develop until a person is in their mid-to-late twenties.  
Your Committee further finds that, according to the National  
Library of Medicine, wearing a helmet while skateboarding reduces  
the risk of head injuries by up to eighty-eight percent. This  
measure will protect the still developing and maturing brains of  
children in the State by requiring them to wear a helmet while  
operating a skateboard.



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 H.B. No. 706, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: <u><b>Karl Rhoads</b></u>				
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