Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 169
    H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

     Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B.
No. 169 entitled:

     "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOPEDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

     The purpose of this measure is to increase:

     (1) The minimum age for moped operators from fifteen to
          sixteen years; and

     (2) The minimum age requirement for individuals prohibited
          from operating a moped unless they wear a safety helmet
          from eighteen to twenty-one years.

     Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Transportation. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from Moped Doctors Inc.;
Mopeds Direct; and seven individuals.

     Your Committee finds that helmets significantly reduce the
risk of life-threatening injuries for moped operators. This
measure enhances the safety for moped riders and all road users.

     Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the
effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

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Your Committee notes the concerns regarding raising the minimum age requirement for operating a moped while wearing a safety helmet from eighteen to twenty-one. Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider whether this requirement is appropriate.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 169, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 169, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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

DARIUS KILA, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 169	Committee Referral: TRN, JHA	Date: 2/6/25

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is)   ☑ Pass, with amendments (HD)   ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KILA, Darius K. (C)	✓			
2. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	✓			
5. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
6. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
7. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	✓			
8. MURAOKA, Christopher L.		✓		
9. PIERICK, Elijah				✓
TOTAL (9)	7	1		1

The recommendation is: ☑ Adopted   ☐ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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