STAND. COM. REP. NO. [317

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 344

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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 S.B. No. 344, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the use of a helmet by anyone under the age of sixteen while riding a skateboard.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; AAA Hawai'i; Keiki Injury Prevention Caucus; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that skateboarding, while a popular recreational activity, poses significant safety risks to the head and face. Given the serious consequences of head trauma, particularly for young people, your Committee finds that the implementation of helmet requirements for skateboarders under the age of sixteen will help mitigate the risk of serious injury.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Increasing the minimum age of persons prohibited from operating a skateboard without a helmet from sixteen years of age to eighteen years of age;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 344, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 344, S.D. 1, 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

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: SB3HH, SD4	Committee Referral:	Date:	3/13/2	-5
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)				
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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