STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3236

Honolulu, Hawaii APR - 3 2006

RE: S.R. No. 66

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations, to which was referred S.R. No. 66 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the department of transportation to create a comprehensive statewide pedestrian safety action plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Department of Health, Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition, Na Kama Hele, and three individuals.

Walking is an increasingly popular transportation option and recreational activity, and as a result, well-designed, continuous, connected sidewalks with safe crossings are highly valued. Hawaii reportedly has among the highest rates of pedestrian fatalities in the nation, the highest fatality rate for senior pedestrians age 65 years and older, and the eleventh highest pedestrian fatality rate for all ages.

Your Committee finds that there is a need to build better communities by consciously providing and adequately maintaining a continuous network of sidewalks, pathways and safe and accessible crossings for pedestrians and to make sidewalks and pathways



friendly to persons using wheelchairs, strollers, or other mobility aids.

According to testimony of the Department of Transportation, it is addressing the issue of pedestrian safety through a multipronged approach that includes formation of the Walk Wise Hawaii Coalition, development of a strategic highway safety plan, organization of a pedestrian safety action plan and design, and development of a highway safety plan with pedestrian safety as a top priority. Your Committee requests the Department of Transportation to include more elaboration on these projects in its report to the Legislature.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 66 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations,

LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* ≤ R G 6	Committee Referral:		Date:	Date: 3-30-06	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is to:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)					
Members		Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)					
ESPERO, Will (VC)					
BAKER, Rosalyn H.					
HEE, Clayton					
KANNO, Brian	·				~
MENOR, Ron					
WHALEN, Paul		V			
TOTAL		4	_	_	3
Recommendation: Not Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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^{*}Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.