

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 72  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian  
Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 72 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND ITS EFFORTS TO  
RESPONSIBLY IDENTIFY PLACES THAT CAN SUSTAIN THE IMPACT OF  
OFF-ROAD VEHICLE OPERATION AND TO EVALUATE THE POSSIBILITY OF  
EXTENDING THE DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION OF EXISTING SITES  
THAT PERMIT OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of  
Land and Natural Resources to continue to expand its efforts in  
identifying and designating appropriate places that can sustain  
the impact of off-road vehicle operation, and to evaluate the  
possibility of extending the days and hours of operation of the  
existing areas that permit the operation of off-road vehicles.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Hawaii Motorcycle  
Dealer's Association, nine individuals, and a petition with over  
three hundred signatures.

Your Committee finds that the use and operation of off-road  
vehicles, such as motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, dune buggies,  
and dirt bikes, have the potential to desecrate sacred burial  
grounds, further threaten endangered species, and harm the natural  
ecosystems on public lands. The Department of Land and Natural  
Resources is making progress in identifying and opening new sites

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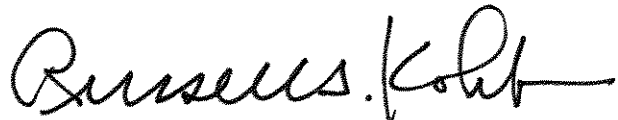


for off-road vehicle operation that can accommodate these types of vehicles in a manner that does not degrade the environment, damage historic and cultural sites, or negatively impact adjacent neighbors in urban or residential areas. Your Committee encourages the Department to continue to identify and designate more appropriate sites for off-road vehicle operation, and to assess the feasibility of expanding the days and hours of operation at permitted sites so that this growing and popular recreational sport may continue in a safe manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting that the Department of Land and Natural Resources develop and implement an off-road vehicle registration policy and user guidelines for the use of designated sites that permit the operation of off-road vehicles.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 72, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 72, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land,  
Agriculture, and Hawaiian  
Affairs,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SR 72</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">WAH</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">4-4-07</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				X
HEE, Clayton	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	4	0	2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 100px;">JNT</div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">           Distribution:            File with Committee Report         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">           Original            Yellow            Clerk's Office         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">           Pink            Drafting Agency         </div> </div>				

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