STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7 , 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1095 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1095 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOPEDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote highway safety by establishing a minimum age of seven years for passengers riding in a three-wheeled moped.

The Department of Transportation and Honolulu Police Department testified in support of this bill.

Three-wheeled mopeds are vehicles designed to carry a passenger seated beside a driver similar to a car. However, three-wheeled mopeds are not crash tested and their light-weight construction and design make them inherently more dangerous than regular cars, greatly enhancing the vulnerability of its occupants in the event of a crash. When Hawaii's traffic code was amended to allow for the use of three-wheeled mopeds on public roads in 2008, the age of the passenger was not discussed. Considering the safety issues involved with these vehicles, it seems logical for age restrictions to be placed on passengers of these vehicles.

Your Committee has amended this bill by raising the minimum age for passengers riding in a three-wheeled moped from seven to 12 years of age.

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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. 1095, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1095, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

JØSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1095	Committee Referral: TRN, JUD	Dates	Date: 2/2/11	
☐ 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. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)				-
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				
4. CULLEN, Ty				- N
5. LEE, Marilyn B.				
6. LUKE, Sylvia		-		J
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.				
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9. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
10. FONTAINE, George R.		1		
11. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling		, ,		
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TOTAL (11)	9	1		(
The recommendation is:  Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Evdedhyame				
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