

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1270

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2011

RE: H.R. No. 37

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.R. No. 37 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF HAWAII'S DRIVERS REGARDING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO BLIND PEDESTRIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to insure that Hawaii drivers are exposed to their responsibilities toward blind pedestrians during the driver licensing process.

Several concerned individuals who are also blind testified in support.

Act 75, Session Laws of Hawaii 1972, specifically established the responsibilities of Hawaii drivers toward blind pedestrians, yet none of Hawaii's counties have yet to include questions about these responsibilities on any driver licensing examinations. Most other states already include questions regarding blind pedestrians in their written driving tests.

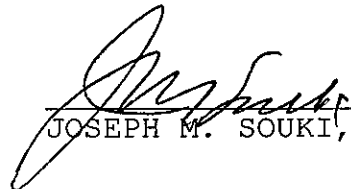
A blind pedestrian has always faced challenges crossing our roads, particularly at intersections with right turn lanes. More recently they also face challenges with hybrid and electric vehicles because a blind person relies heavily on their hearing to guide them and is unable to hear an on-coming hybrid or electric vehicle. Thus your committee finds that it is reasonable to ask



the counties to include information regarding safety of the blind pedestrian in their driver licensing examinations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 37 and recommends its adoption.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



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The Twenty-sixth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 37	Committee Referral: TRN	Date: 3/23/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> 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	/			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
6. LUKE, Sylvia				/
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				/
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
9. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
10. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
11. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
TOTAL (11)	9			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Linda Ichiyama</u>				
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