

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1319

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2019

RE: H.B. No. 754
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 754, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC FOOT SCOOTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a framework for the Department of Transportation and the counties to regulate electric foot scooters and prohibit the use of electric foot scooters to individuals under the age of 18.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services; City and County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; Lime; Hawaii Bicycling League; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the types of motorized vehicles that are being introduced in the market are very innovative and constantly being updated based on technology and ease of widespread adoption. In particular, electric foot scooters are experiencing an increase in popularity as an environmentally friendly alternative to driving. Your Committee believes that as new electric motorized vehicles, such as electric foot scooters, are introduced into the State, there should exist fair and just



regulation of the vehicles to ensure the safety and viability for all.

Your Committee notes the concern regarding safe places of operation for electric foot scooters, such as roadways or in bike lanes, may cause safety issues for other users of the roadways and bike lanes. Your Committee encourages further discussion as to where electric foot scooters can safely be operated in the State to ensure the safety of all.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the age prohibition to operate an electric foot scooter from eighteen years of age to fifteen years of age;
- (2) Requiring that in lieu of red rear reflectors, all electric foot scooters be equipped with a lighted lamp visible from the rear of the electric foot scooter; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 754, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 754, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB754, HD1	TRS, JDC	3/13/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Breene Harit</i>				
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