

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

179

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1291
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 1291 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Include autocycles equipped with handlebars in the definition of motorcycles in the Hawaii Safety Act; and
- (2) Exempt motorcycles and motor scooters with a partial enclosed cab, in addition to those with a full body enclosed cab, from the safety helmet requirement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Arcimoto and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that electric three-wheeled vehicles are a promising source of affordable emissions-free vehicles for Hawaii residents. However, because this type of vehicle typically uses handlebars in lieu of a steering wheel in order to reduce the weight of the vehicle, they do not fall under the statutory definition of an autocycle. This measure will amend the definition of "motorcycle," which includes the definition of an



"autocycle," so that vehicles with handlebars and three wheels can meet the definition. Additionally, this measure amends the exemption from the safety helmet requirement provided that the vehicle has a roll bar, a roll cage, or full body enclosed cab.

Your Committee has amended this measure by replacing the "partial or full body enclosed cab" exception with "roll bar, roll cage, or full body enclosed cab."

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 S.B. No. 1291, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1291, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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




CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1291	TRS, JDC	2/9/2021		
<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
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes