STAND. COM. REP. NO. 717

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 1 5 2023 RE: S.B. No. 517 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 517 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- Authorize operators of motorcycles to utilize lane shoulders that are at least three-feet-wide with the concurrent use of emergency flashers; and
- (2) Require the Department of Transportation to create and implement traffic control devices to designate lane shoulders for motorcycle use during peak traffic hours.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Street Bikers United and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Transportation, Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu, and Hawaii Bicycling League. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the shoulder lane is utilized to accommodate a variety of roadway users, including stopped vehicles and emergencies; and on arterial roadways, bicyclists and



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pedestrians. In addition, other forms of multimodal transportation operating on time deadlines such as fixed route bus service, vanpools, and paratransit services for individuals with disabilities also utilize the shoulder lanes. While authorizing motorcycles to travel in the shoulder lane may alleviate traffic for riders, safety of all roadway users is of paramount importance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- Clarifying that motorcycles are entitled to full use of the shoulder on interstate highways as authorized by the Department of Transportation;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 517, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 517, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts TCA

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Ауҿ	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)					
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*Only <u>one</u> measure per Record of Votes