

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3136

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2215

H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Energy, to which was referred H.B. No. 2215, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BICYCLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide increased protections to bicyclists riding on roadways by requiring drivers of vehicles passing and overtaking a bicycle to allow at least a three-foot safe passing distance between the vehicle and the bicyclist.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services; Honolulu Police Department; Hawaii Public Health Institute; Hawaii Bicycling League; Sustainable Transportation Coalition of Hawai'i; Kailua Urban Design Task Force; Blue Planet Foundation; Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawai'i; Kauai Path, Inc.; Hawai'i Cycling Club; Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; American Diabetes Association; Blue Zones Project; and fifty-four individuals.

Your Committee finds bicycling is an activity that is good for the health and good for the environment, and the State has made efforts to encourage bicycling. However, bicycling on roadways can be dangerous, with numerous bicycling fatalities in



Hawaii resulting from bicyclists being struck by passing motor vehicles. Twelve percent of cyclists felt "threatened for personal safety" the last time they rode and "someone drove too close" was the primary reason. Your Committee notes that thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia have safe passing distance laws in place to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities to bicyclists and the percentage of bicyclists who feel threatened for personal safety when they ride. Enacting a safe passing distance law is another step in promoting bicycling as a valid and safe mode of transportation as the State works to become a more bicycle-friendly place.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Energy that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2215, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Transportation and Energy**  
**TRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2215 HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TRE, JDL</b>	Date: <b>3/14/2018</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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)	X			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Will Espero</i>				
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