

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1036

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: S.B. No. 615
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 615, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENTALS OF MOPEDS AND MOTOR SCOOTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require all moped and motor scooter rental companies to ensure the rider wears a safety helmet supplied either by the company or the renter;
- (2) Exempt riders with a motorcycle license from having to wear a safety helmet while riding a rented moped or motor scooter;
- (3) Prohibit the rental of any moped or motor scooter with aftermarket modifications; and
- (4) Amend the definition of "motor scooter".

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Honolulu Police Department, Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition, and numerous individuals.

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Your Committee finds that wearing a helmet when operating a moped or motor scooter can increase the chance of survival in the event of an accident. According to the Hawaii Injury Prevention Plan for 2012-2017, published by the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch of the Department of Health, helmets can reduce the risk of death by forty-two percent and reduce the risk of a head injury by sixty-nine percent. This measure will ensure the safety of residents and visitors of the State and reduce the number of traffic related fatalities by requiring certain moped and motor scooter operators to wear helmets.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 615, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 615, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB 615, SBI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRN, CPC, JHA</i>	Date: <i>03-17-21</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	<i>X</i>			
2. ILAGAN, Greggor (VC)	<i>X</i>			
3. DeCOITE, Lynn	<i>X</i>			
4. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	<i>X</i>			
5. KITAGAWA, Lisa	<i>X</i>			
6. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				<i>X</i>
7. TAKUMI, Roy M.	<i>X</i>			
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				<i>X</i>
TOTAL (8)	<i>6</i>			<i>2</i>
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:				
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