

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

## Voting Members

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Stanley Chang, Carol Fukunaga, Breene Harimoto

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Committee Meeting Held  
October 29, 2013

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Parks and Customer Services, to which was referred Bill 62 (2013), entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO HELMETS,"

which passed first reading at the October 9, 2013 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The introducer of the Bill, Committee Chair Manahan, provided opening remarks, stating that the Bill was a work in progress involving a continuing dialogue to find an equitable and workable solution, with the objective of preventing serious injury or death.

The purpose of the ordinance is to address helmet requirements for minors when operating a skateboard, roller skates, including inline skates, a toy vehicle or a similar device upon the public sidewalks, alleys, malls, parks, grounds, parking lots, and other public place where such operation is permitted.

The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") provided oral and written testimony in support of the intent of the Bill, but expressed concerns about DPR staff being involved in enforcement efforts. The DPR Director also testified that funds will be needed to replace signs.

A Major from the Honolulu Police Department District 7 (East Honolulu) provided oral and written testimony in support of the intent of the Bill, but requested that action on

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the Bill be deferred to address HPD concerns regarding the Bill's broad coverage of public places.

Representatives from The Queen's Medical Center ("QMC") and the State Department of Health ("DOH") provided oral and written testimony in support of the Bill, praising the helmet requirement as an effective means of preventing and reducing the severity of head injury among Hawaii's children and youth.

A private citizen who developed the rules for the City's skate parks testified in support of the Bill, stating that the Bill should be framed as a "safety bill" not a "helmet bill."

Chair Manahan requested that parties involved develop language to include an educational component in the Bill.

Your Committee on Parks and Customer Services is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 62 (2013), and recommends that it pass second reading, be scheduled for a public hearing and thereafter be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Chang, Fukunaga, Harimoto, Menor, Manahan – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Committee Chair

At the 11/13/13 Council meeting, action on CR-322 and Bill was deferred.  
At the 4/16/14 Council meeting, CR-322 and Bill were recommitted back to the  
Committee on Parks and Customer Services.

Committee Report No. 322 was not adopted and Bill 62 was filed on 10/2/15 pursuant to ROH automatic filing deadline.

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