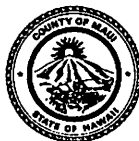


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January 3, 2019

The Honorable Kelly T. King
Council Chair
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Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair King:

SUBJECT: URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE OF CHILDREN RIDING IN THE BED OF A PICKUP TRUCK FROM THIRTEEN TO EIGHTEEN (PAF 18-293)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE OF CHILDREN RIDING IN THE BED OF A PICKUP TRUCK FROM THIRTEEN TO EIGHTEEN," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Yuki Lei K. Sugimura
YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA
Councilmember

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Attachment

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Resolution

No. _____

URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE OF CHILDREN RIDING IN THE BED OF A PICKUP TRUCK FROM THIRTEEN TO EIGHTEEN

WHEREAS, pickup truck beds are designed to carry cargo, not people; and

WHEREAS, because there are no seat belts, truck beds provide no protection during an accident, even at low speeds; and

WHEREAS, in the event of sudden braking, riding in the bed of a pickup truck significantly increases the risk of a passenger being ejected, turning a non-life-threatening accident into a fatal one; and

WHEREAS, internal organ damage, spinal cord injuries, internal bleeding, traumatic brain injuries, amputations, permanent scarring and disfigurement, broken bones, paraplegia and quadriplegia, and severe road rash are among some of the injuries that can be sustained from a truck bed accident; and

WHEREAS, children in covered pickup truck beds are exposed to dangerous carbon monoxide fumes, a toxic chemical that can cause headaches, vertigo, depression, and even death; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, people who ride in the bed of a truck are three times more likely to be killed than someone riding in the cab; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports more than half of truck bed accident fatalities are suffered by children; now, therefore,

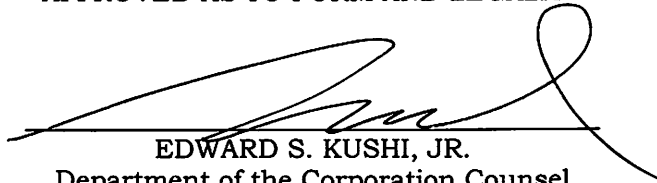
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby urges the Hawaii State Legislature to raise the minimum age of children riding in the bed of a pickup truck from thirteen to eighteen; and

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2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii; the President of the State Senate; the Speaker of the State House of Representatives; State Senator Les Ihara, Jr.; State Senator Donna Mercado Kim; State Senator Rosalyn Baker; State Senator Michelle Kidani; State Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran; State Senator Lorraine Inouye; State Senator Breene Harimoto; State Representative Troy Hashimoto; the remaining members of the County's delegation to the State Legislature; the Mayor of the County of Maui; and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward S. Kushi, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.
Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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