

HB-801

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Testimony for EEP on 2/4/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Li Cobian	Oahu Motorsports Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Legislatures I would like to inform you that **ONE CRUISE SHIP** emits the DAILY emmissions of **ONE MILLION CARS**. And the Cruise Lines DO NOT PAY FEDERAL TAXES., but they pay Docking fees. Going after low income people who's only mode of transportation is a gas powered Moped , and wanting to bann Gas powered Automobiles , while allowing the Cruise Ship industry to pollute our Hawaiian Islands is completely discriminatory and unfair .



HB 801, RELATING TO MOPEDS

FEBRUARY 4, 2021 · HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE · CHAIR REP. NICOLE E. LOWEN

POSITION: Support.

RATIONALE: Imua Alliance supports HB 801, relating to mopeds, which prohibits a retailer from selling or offering for sale combustion engine-powered mopeds beginning January 1, 2023.

According to a report produced by the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, global sea levels could rise more than three feet by 2100, with more recent projections showing this occurring as early as 2060. In turn, over the next 30 to 70 years, approximately 6,500 structures and 19,800 people statewide will be exposed to chronic flooding.

Additionally, an estimated \$19 billion in economic loss would result from chronic flooding of land and structures located in exposure areas. Finally, approximately 38 miles of coastal roads and 550 cultural sites would be chronically flooded, on top of the 13 miles of beaches that have already been lost on Kaua'i, O'ahu, and Maui to erosion fronting shoreline armoring, like seawalls.

Furthermore, according to research conducted by Michael B. Gerrard from Columbia Law School, modern-day slavery tends to increase after natural disasters or conflicts where large numbers of people are displaced from their homes. In the decades to come, says Gerrard, **climate change will very likely lead to a significant increase in the number of people who are displaced and, thus vulnerable, to human trafficking.** While the Paris Climate Agreement of 2015

established objectives to limit global temperature increases and several international agreements are aimed at combating modern-day slavery, it is highly uncertain whether they will be adequate to cope with the scale of the problem that is likely to occur as a result of climate change.

As we work to reduce carbon emissions and stave off the worst consequences of climate change, we must begin preparing for the adverse impact of sea level rise on our shores. We are now quantifying the speed at which we must act. We cannot continue to develop the 25,800-acre statewide sea level rise exposure area—one-third of which is designated for urban use—without risking massive structural damage and, potentially, great loss of life.

Therefore, we should take steps to accelerate Hawai'i's efforts to address climate change and develop a clean economy, including by reducing combustion-engine powered vehicles on our state's streets. **Norway will end the sale of new cars that use fossil fuels in 2025. The Netherlands will enact a similar plan, but by 2030. France and the UK have called for total internal-combustion vehicle bans by 2040.** Hawai'i should do the same, since these nations prove that we can transition our transportation sector to EV technology without damaging our economy. For the sake of our keiki, we cannot afford to wait to solidify strategies to preserve our island home for generations to come.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2021 9:24:18 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/4/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Bohlen	Climate Protectors Coalition	Support	No

Comments:

To: The House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection (EEP)

From: Climate Protectors Coalition

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 2, 2021, 9:00 am

In support of HB1349 RELATING TO MOPEDS

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and Energy and Environmental Protection Committee members:

The Climate Protectors Coalition **supports HB801.**

The Climate Protectors Coalition is a group inspired by the Mauna Kea Protectors but focused on reversing the climate crisis. As a tropical island State, Hawaii will be among the first places harmed by the global climate crisis, with more intense storms, loss of protective coral reefs, food insecurity, and rising sea levels destroying our shorelines. We must do all we can to reduce our carbon footprint and become at least carbon neutral as soon as possible.

This bill would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by prohibiting the sale of new internal combustion engine-powered mopeds beginning January 1, 2023. Mopeds, especially two-stroke engine mopeds, emit relatively high levels of hydrocarbons, up to thirty times the Euro 3 auto standard. They also have high noise levels.

The Climate Protectors ask that you pass this bill. Mahalo!

Climate Protectors Coalition (by Ted Bohlen)



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

February 4, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

Video Conference

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 801

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and members of the Committee:

Blue Planet Foundation **supports HB 801**, which prohibits the sale of combustion engine-powered mopeds after 2022.

Blue Planet Foundation is a Hawai'i-based nonprofit organization. We work to clear the path for local, clean, renewable power. Through our advocacy for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and clean transportation, we seek to make our communities stronger, our energy more secure, our environment healthier, and our economy more robust.

Hawai'i is in the midst of a transition to a 100% clean energy future, and the state's ground transportation sector—including mopeds—should follow suit. The transition away from imported fossil fuel to power our lives should be economy-wide. What's more, replacing loud, fossil fuel-powered mopeds with clean, electric options will create quieter, more pleasant and livable communities.

Blue Planet envisions a clean transportation future that incorporates a diversity of clean mobility options. Electric mopeds reduce noise and environmental pollution; lower fuel, maintenance, and operation costs for drivers compared to their combustion engine counterparts; and offer a zero-emission alternative to car ownership for Hawai'i residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 8:29:39 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/4/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noel Morin	Hawaii EV Association	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice-Chair Marten, and EEP Committee members,

Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association is in SUPPORT of HB801. Electrified versions of these vehicles are available and will allow users and the general public to avoid the health hazards associated with gas-power mopeds. The noise and air pollution that are attributable to these small-engine vehicles are harmful to our community. We have better options.

Thank you,

Noel Morin

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 11:22:34 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/4/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Regina Gregory	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Suggest changing the date to 2030



LATE

TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI, PRESIDENT
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII
February 4, 2021

Re: HB 801 Relating to Mopeds

Good morning Chair Lowen and members of the House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii was founded in 1901, RMH is a statewide, not for profit trade organization committed to the growth and development of the retail industry in Hawaii. Our membership includes small mom & pop stores, large box stores, resellers, luxury retail, department stores, shopping malls, local, national, and international retailers, chains and everyone in between.

We are strongly opposed to HB 801 Relating Mopeds. This measure prohibits a retailer from selling or offering for sale combustion engine-powered mopeds beginning January 1, 2023.

Now is not the time to be restriction retailers from selling combustion engine-powered mopeds. Many of these retailers are struggling to remain open caused by government mandates surrounding this pandemic. The retail industry has been one of the hardest hit during the pandemic. Since the pandemic, those retailers who were deemed non-essential were forced to close their businesses for months due to government orders. Those on Oahu were forced to close their businesses a second time with no income from online sales unless they were fulfilling the orders from home. Retailers have also had to endure an almost 50% rate increase in interisland shipping. Many stores have also reduced their staff, taken pay-cuts and more to survive. The 3rd Commercial Lease Rent survey from data collected between December 1 and 31, 2020 revealed:

- One in 10 Hawaii businesses permanently closed over the course of the pandemic, and 67 percent were impacted significantly by government restrictions.
- From April through December 2020, 50 percent of businesses did not pay their rent in full.
- Three in 10 businesses expected to miss three full rent payments between October and December 2020, and more than half expected to miss at least one full rent payment between January and June 2021.
- Tourism accounts for at least one-quarter of the overall revenue of 37 percent of Hawaii businesses.
- 86 percent of businesses saw their annual revenue decrease in 2020, and 82 percent expect a decrease in 2021 as well.

Retailers like many businesses are struggling to survive. **Measures like this would shut down more of our local businesses and causing more of our friends, family and neighbors to be unemployed.**

We ask that you hold this measure.

Mahalo again for this opportunity to testify.