
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE MAUI COUNTY CODE
TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF SKATEBOARDS ON ALL PUBLIC ROADWAYS
AND SIDEWALKS.

1 WHEREAS, the use of a skateboard on any roadway or any
2 sidewalk located in a business district in the County of Maui is
3 currently prohibited under Maui County Code section 10.52.150;
4 and

5
6 WHEREAS, the ordinance has negatively impacted individuals
7 seeking to utilize skateboards as a means of transportation
8 within business districts; and

9
10 WHEREAS, environmental concerns and rising gas prices have
11 led to an increase in the use of alternative methods of
12 transportation, such as bicycles and skateboards; and

13
14 WHEREAS, obesity is a growing concern across the nation,
15 and physical activities, such as skateboarding and bicycling,
16 provide a healthy alternative to traditional sports because it
17 provides physical exercise and improves balance and
18 coordination; and

19
20 WHEREAS, County of Maui residents are allowed and even
21 encouraged to ride bicycles on streets and sidewalks; and

22
23 WHEREAS, the concerns and perceptions of County of Maui
24 residents have changed since 1980 when Maui County Code section
25 10.52.150 was last amended, resulting in an untenable purpose of
26 the ordinance; and

27
28 WHEREAS, skateboarding is more than a hobby or leisure
29 activity, it is often the primary means of transportation for
30 many people, especially students; and

31



1 WHEREAS, skateboarding is not only considered to be a
2 method of transportation but also a form of artistic expression,
3 a form of recreational activity, and even a profession; and
4

5 WHEREAS, skateboarding has become increasingly common with
6 the popularity of the X-Games, an annual sports competition
7 event, and the popularity of Christian Hosoi, a professional
8 skateboarder with connections to Hawaii; and
9

10 WHEREAS, skateboarding has its origins deeply rooted in the
11 culture of surfing, for which Hawaii is well-known, as an
12 alternative when there are no waves; and
13

14 WHEREAS, skateboarding provides the fundamental skill sets
15 needed in ancillary sports, particularly surfing and
16 snowboarding; and
17

18 WHEREAS, longboard skateboarding has shown an increase in
19 popularity creating downhill racing and slalom racing events on
20 the continental United States; and
21

22 WHEREAS, the number of skate parks are somewhat limited,
23 resulting in skateboarders illegally skateboarding on sidewalks
24 and roadways; and
25

26 WHEREAS, riding a skateboard requires the same level of
27 alertness and defensiveness as riding a bicycle and therefore
28 should be subject to regulations similar to those that govern
29 the use of bicycles; and
30

31 WHEREAS, skateboarding on roadways and sidewalks can be
32 appropriately regulated, similar to the regulation of bicycles,
33 to ensure safety for skateboarders, drivers, and pedestrians;
34 and
35

36 WHEREAS, allowing the use of skateboards on roadways and
37 sidewalks will help to alleviate traffic congestion and provide
38 an alternative form of transportation that will ultimately
39 promote healthier living; now, therefore,
40

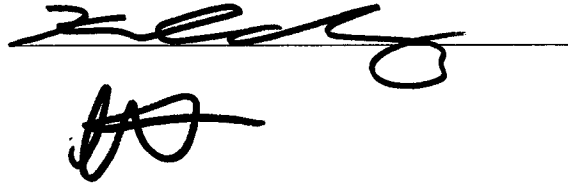


1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2014, that the Maui County Council is requested to
4 amend the Maui County Code section 10.52.150 to allow for the
5 use of skateboards on all public roadways and sidewalks in the
6 County of Maui; and

7
8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Maui County
10 Council.

11
12
13

OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. O'Connell", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, there is a second, smaller handwritten mark.

MAR 07 2014

