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H.B. 1753
RELATING TO MOPEDS

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **supports** the intent of this bill to require mopeds to be registered and inspected every year. However, H.B. 1753 will only require the annual safety inspection of mopeds.

We recommend that the content of H.B. 1728, deleting Sections 2 and 12, be used as the vehicle to accomplish the annual moped registration and inspection objectives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL ONOFRIETTI

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Representative Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
10:30 a.m.

HB 1753

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair LoPresti, and members of the Committee on Transportation, my name is Michael Onofrietti, Chairman of the Board of the Hawaii Insurers Council. Hawaii Insurers Council is a non-profit trade association of property and casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in Hawaii. Member companies underwrite approximately thirty-six percent of all property and casualty insurance premiums in the state.

The Hawaii Insurers Council does not take a position on the intent or specific provisions of HB1753, except as set forth below.

In order to avoid the unintended consequence of requiring owners of mopeds to purchase automobile insurance policies, the Hawaii Insurers Council recommends that the proposed sentence reading "The certificate for a moped shall state the effective date and the termination date" (in SECTION 8 of the Bill, on page 7, lines 6-7, amending Section 286-26(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes) be deleted. Alternatively, the Hawaii Insurers Council recommends that that sentence be amended as follows (with the Hawaii Insurers Council's recommendation in **bold**):

The certificate for a moped shall state the effective date and the termination date **of the certificate of inspection.**

The Hawaii Insurers Council welcomes the opportunity to work with this Committee on the above-recommended revision to HB1753.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments: Before you pass a law requiring mopeds to get safety checks, please make sure there are more people performing those checks. We only have one safety-check station serving Hawaii Kai up to Kahala. Please do not post my email address online.

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February 2, 2016

Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair LoPresti, and members of the Committee on Transportation:

Thank you for taking the time to address moped issues. As a member of the McCully-Moilili Neighborhood Board No. 8 in Honolulu, I have heard numerous complaints about excessive noise and safety concerns regarding mopeds. **I support HB 1753 with an amendment** to require license plates on mopeds and higher fines for modifying moped motors and/or mufflers.

These requested items have been identified by the community as critical components to successfully regulating excessive moped noise. HB 1848, Sections 2, 9, 10, and 12, already includes language for this amendment. These items have been vetted through extensive community input, as described below.

As background, excessive moped noise was investigated by a permitted interaction group (PIG) established by the McCully-Moilili Neighborhood Board. The PIG report, adopted by the Board in June 2015, led to the Board holding a special meeting in October 2015 on the topic of moped noise. Community members from across Oahu showed up to this meeting, including board members from other neighborhood boards.

As a result of this island-wide interest, the Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group (MNMWG) was formed to further address moped noise through legislation. The MNMWG held two meetings this past January that resulted in a consensus on the following proposals: (1) require annual safety inspections, (2) authorize police to require an inspection and correction of mopeds suspected of illegal modifications, (3) require license plates for easier identification of violators, and (4) increase fines for modifying moped motors and mufflers.

Numerous neighborhood boards across Oahu have formally adopted resolutions requesting the legislature to pass legislation that includes all of these proposed items. Many more boards have listed the issue on their next meeting agenda. The City and County of Honolulu Neighborhood Commission Office has records of the adopted resolutions in case you have not received copies.

I look forward to a continued dialog on getting a bill passed this year that addresses moped noise concerns, while I recognize many of these items will address road/vehicle safety as well. The moped noise problem has been going on for far too long in our communities. Mahalo for your support.

Sincerely,
Tim Streitz

FOR: HB 1253 / 10:30am / Feb 3, 2016



DIAMOND HEAD/KAPAHULU/ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 5

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL AND THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LAWS THAT REDUCE EXCESSIVE MOPED NOISE

WHEREAS, there are reportedly more than 36,000 mopeds on Oahu; and

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WHEREAS, neighborhood boards across Oahu have reported numerous complaints about excessive moped noise in their communities over the years; and

WHEREAS, excessive moped noise negatively impacts citizens' quality of life, as well as the visitor experience, both essential to our state's economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the majority of excessive vehicle noise is generated by moped owners modifying their engine and/or muffler due to a lack of sufficient control measures for this vehicle type; and

WHEREAS, it is currently illegal to modify a moped exhaust system that increases its noise above the original manufacturer equipment, but existing fines are negligible and there is no law allowing officers the ability to submit mopeds to inspections when there is reasonable cause to believe there is a violation; and

WHEREAS, mopeds are not required to display clearly identifiable license plates and, consequently, are difficult for concerned citizens to report them on infractions of law; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Transportation has adopted administrative rules to regulate moped safety inspections, which include within the scope excessive noise from exhaust systems, for counties that make them mandatory; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu does not require moped safety inspections, although its City Council has introduced Bill 83 (2015) to require such inspections; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 requests the Honolulu City Council to adopt Bill 83 (2015) to require annual safety inspections of mopeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests the state legislature to authorize police departments the ability to require moped owners to submit their vehicle to an inspection if there is reasonable cause to believe it is unsafe or not equipped as required by law, comparable to requirements for other motorized vehicles using public roadways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests the state legislature to increase the fines for violations of motor and muffler modifications exceeding the manufacturer limits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests the state legislature to statutorily distinguish mopeds from bicycles, such that mopeds shall be required to display a clearly identifiable license plate, similar in size to motorcycles, as part of their registration; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu; the Director of the Department of Transportation Services, House members in Districts 17-51; Senators in Districts 9-25, the Director of the State Department of Transportation, and the Chairs of the Neighborhood Boards.

INTRODUCED BY:

K. Russell Ho FOR
George West, Chair

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