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March 28, 2019
9:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Room 016

H.B. 754, H.D.1 S.D.1
RELATING TO ELECTRIC FOOT SCOOTERS.

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 754, H.D.1 with an amendment.

This bill gives an electric foot scooter the same rights as bicycles and allows the director of transportation by rule and counties by ordinance to regulate the operation of the electric foot scooters with regard to, but not limited to: (1) their operation upon roadways, in bikeways, bicycle paths and on sidewalks; (2) restrictions on maximum speed; and (3) safety considerations.

The bill further requires the use of lamps and reflective material when operated from the hours of dusk to dawn and sets forth a penalty for the operation of an electric foot scooter in reckless disregard for the safety of persons and property.

DOT recommends that the minimum age established in this bill be amended to fourteen years of age instead of eighteen years of age.

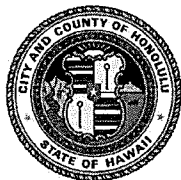
This measure will afford Hawaii's residents and visitors a different mode of transportation with theirs' and others' safety in mind.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate
Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol, Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Testimony on House Bill 754 - Relating to Electric Foot Scooters

The Department of Transportation Services is in support of this measure.

Our agency is responsible for providing a multimodal transportation system for the City and County of Honolulu. Shared micromobility vehicles, including bicycles, e-bikes, and electric foot scooters, are more frequently becoming part of multimodal transportation system in other cities across the country. We support this measure as it sets the groundwork for electric foot scooters to become a mobility and transportation option for Hawaii. We also appreciate the opportunity that each county has to regulate these vehicles within the statewide framework but in a manner that suits the respective counties.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wes Frysztacki".

Wes Frysztacki
Director

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HB-754-SD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee Steinmetz	Testifying for County of Kauai	Support	No

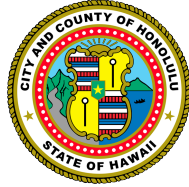
Comments:

The County of Kaua'i **supports** HB 754 as amended. Like it or not, electric foot scooters are already sold in Hawai'i, and we should move to reasonably regulate this new technology instead of ignoring it. The County appreciates the structure of HB 754 as amended, which allows the flexibility for each county to regulate the operation of electric foot scooters as it deems best, with minimums established in this Bill.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019 9:45AM

STATE OF HAWAII
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY



**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 754 HD1 SD1
A BILL RELATING TO ELECTRIC FOOT SCOOTERS**

BY,

JOSHUA STANBRO
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Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

The City and County of Honolulu (City) Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (Resilience Office) **supports** House Bill (HB) 754 HD1, which establishes a framework for the Department of Transportation and the counties to regulate electric foot scooters.

The City is in the process of planning for and implementing ambitious energy, transportation, and climate resilience initiatives. The Resilience Office is responsible for developing a resilience strategy and climate action plan for the City. Shared mobility vehicles, including bicycles, e-bikes, and electric foot scooters, have the potential to become an important element of a multimodal transportation system that is cleaner, more sustainable, resilient, and affordable for residents and visitors. We support this measure because it lays the foundation for implementing electric foot scooters as an option. The Resilience Office defers to the City's Department of Transportation Services on regulatory matters associated with parking, curbside use, and roadway use related to these vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



Young Democrats of Hawaii
Democratic Party of Hawaii

Testimony presented before the Committee on Judiciary
Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 9:45 a.m.
Conference Room 016

House Bill 754, HD1, SD1

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee:

House Bill 754, HD1, SD1 establishes a framework for the Department of Transportation and the counties to regulate electric foot scooters and adds definition of electric foot scooter which includes an electric foot scooter as a bicycle for certain laws. In January 2019 the Young Democrats of Hawaii conducted a member survey to identify and prioritize important issues facing young people today. Taking action on climate change was identified as one of the top three issues. YDHI members recognize that the impacts of climate change are already being felt throughout the world and in the State of Hawaii, and that actions must be taken immediately to ensure a viable future for all of Hawaii residents. The Young Democrats of Hawaii **strongly supports** the passing of House Bill 754, HD1, SD1 for the following reasons:

- 1) The future of mobility should be sustainable and affordable. Electric foot scooters, along with bicycles and e-bicycles, provide a complement to existing transportation systems and is another option for riders use fossil fuel-free methods of transit.
- 2) The definition of a scooter has not been legally defined. YDHI supports treating a scooter like a bicycle for the purpose of scooters being allowed on city roads and bicycle lanes, subject to county laws.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee
Young Democrats of Hawaii