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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOW  
MOPEDS CAN BE MADE SAFER, QUIETER, AND LESS LIKELY TO BE  
USED FOR ILLEGAL PURPOSES.

1           WHEREAS, mopeds represent an economical alternative, or  
2 supplement, to transportation by automobile or even motorcycle  
3 for students, young adults, those with limited income, and those  
4 concerned about the environment; and

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6           WHEREAS, mopeds and their riders are not subject to the  
7 same regulation as automobiles or motorcycles and their drivers;  
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10          WHEREAS, eight moped drivers died on Oahu's roads in 2005  
11 compared to one in 2004 and none in 2003; and

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13          WHEREAS, parking for mopeds, especially in urban areas, is  
14 very limited and parked mopeds often obstruct all or part of  
15 pedestrian sidewalks adjacent to authorized moped parking areas;  
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18          WHEREAS, speed governors on mopeds can, and often are,  
19 disabled or modified such that the moped, including some in  
20 commercial rental fleets, can be operated at speeds in excess of  
21 what is safe and legal; and

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23          WHEREAS, the exhaust system on mopeds can, and often is,  
24 modified such that the moped is more powerful but much noisier  
25 than designed or legal; and

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27          WHEREAS, some moped owners, because of limited means, do  
28 not maintain the exhaust and other systems on their mopeds such  
29 that the moped is noisier than designed or legal or produces  
30 more exhaust than is legal; and

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1           WHEREAS, mopeds, because of their relatively small size,  
2 are easily stolen and Honolulu, the nation's fifty-third largest  
3 metropolitan area, leads the nation in motorcycle and moped  
4 thefts; and

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6           WHEREAS, mopeds, again because of their relatively small  
7 size and affordability, are increasingly used by drug dealers to  
8 make pickups and deliveries and can be maneuvered away from  
9 police in tight spaces, or abandoned if need be; now, therefore,

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11           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
13 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
14 Transportation is requested to convene a task force for the  
15 purpose of determining how the advantages of mopeds can be  
16 maximized, the disadvantages minimized, and necessary  
17 legislation be identified; and

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19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be chaired by  
20 the Director of Transportation and consist of the following  
21 members:

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23           (1) The Chief of Police and Director of Finance, or other  
24 official responsible for motor vehicle licensing and  
25 registration, from the City and County of Honolulu;  
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27           (2) One representative of the moped sales industry, to be  
28 appointed by the Governor;  
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30           (3) One representative of the moped rental industry, to be  
31 appointed by the Governor;  
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33           (4) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
34 Senate President;  
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36           (5) One member of the House of Representatives, to be  
37 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
38 Representatives; and  
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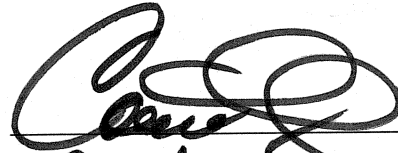



40           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its  
41 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
42 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior  
43 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
3 Transportation, the Mayor, the Chief of police, and the Director  
4 of Finance of the City and County of Honolulu, the President of  
5 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
6 Governor.

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