
HOUSE 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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32 WHEREAS, mopeds, because of their relatively small size,
33 are easily stolen and Honolulu, the nation's fifty-third largest



1 metropolitan area, leads the nation in motorcycle and moped
2 thefts; and

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

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

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be chaired by
17 the Director of Transportation and consist of the following
18 members:

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

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
38 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
39 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior
40 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and


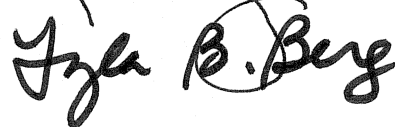
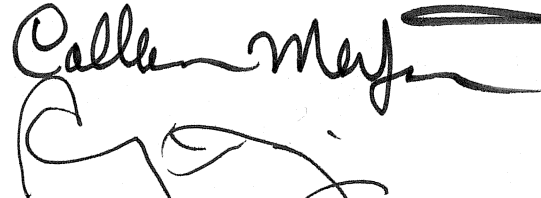
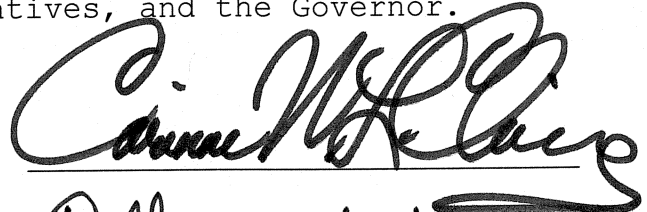
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
43 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, the
44 Mayor, the Chief of police, and the Director of Finance of the



1 City and County of Honolulu, the President of the Senate, the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor.

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