

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 4/10, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2234

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2234 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR SCOOTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reduce excessive noise produced by exhaust systems of motor scooters by:

- (1) Prohibiting dealers from selling motor scooters with a muffler or exhaust system that emits an unspecified number of decibels; and
- (2) Including motor scooters under the noisy muffler law currently applicable to mopeds and motorcycles.

Loud motor vehicle mufflers have been a serious problem affecting many neighborhoods throughout the state, especially densely populated areas such as Ala Moana and Waikiki on the island of Oahu. This is especially pronounced in the late evening and early morning hours.

As several members of your Committee voiced complaints they have received from their constituencies regarding loud motor scooters, your Committee finds that this measure deserves further consideration.



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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2234 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



