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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2229, RELATING TO MOPEDS.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

We oppose this bill. The bill implies that mopeds are able to regularly travel at a speed of 35 mph. By definition, in Chapter 291C-1, HRS, a vehicle is classified as a moped only if it has a maximum speed of 30 mph on a level roadway. If the moped is going down a hill, the driver is required to control the speed so that the moped does not travel faster than 35 mph. In general, a moped should be traveling 30 mph or less. Keeping the law as it is will minimize the number of occasions when mopeds are hindering the flow of motor vehicle traffic.