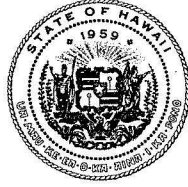


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February 4, 2008

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 3225

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

We support this bill.

Neighborhood electric vehicles are in the classification of low speed vehicles. The proposed change will allow our state law to match the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS), section 571.3(b) which defines low speed vehicles as having a gross vehicle weight rating of 3,000 pounds or less. The wording in the FMVSS was changed from 2,500 pounds to 3,000 pounds on June 5, 2006.

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January 31, 2008

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 441
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 3225, Relating to Neighborhood Electric Vehicles

The City and County of Honolulu is in favor of H.B. No. 3225 which amends the gross vehicle weight rating of a neighborhood electric vehicle.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration amended the federal definition of neighborhood electric vehicles by increasing the gross vehicle weight rating from less than 2,500 pounds to less than 3,000 pounds. This bill mirrors the federal amendment.

The City and County of Honolulu urges your favorable action on H.B. No. 3225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

DENNIS A. KAMIMURA
Licensing Administrator

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