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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INCREASE THE FINES  
ON ILLEGAL MOPEDS AND TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE  
FEASIBILITY OF PUTTING LICENSE PLATES ON MOPEDS.

1           WHEREAS, there is a proliferation of the presence and  
2 operation of mopeds in residential neighborhoods; and

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4           WHEREAS, speed governors on mopeds can, and often are,  
5 disabled or modified such that the moped can be operated at  
6 speeds in excess of what is safe and legal; and

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

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12           WHEREAS, the operation of mopeds, operating illegally, in  
13 residential neighborhoods has led to increases in noise  
14 pollution, disturbing the quiet of residential neighborhoods;  
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17           WHEREAS, mopeds, because of their relatively small size and  
18 affordability, have reportedly been used by drug dealers to make  
19 pickups and deliveries and can be maneuvered away from police in  
20 tight spaces, or abandoned if need be; and

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22           WHEREAS, currently, moped owners are required to affix a  
23 very small decal to the lower portion of the moped's rear  
24 fender; and

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26           WHEREAS, because the numbers on the decal are so small, it  
27 is very difficult to decipher the numerals in order to report a  
28 crime committed by a moped driver to the local authorities; now,  
29 therefore,



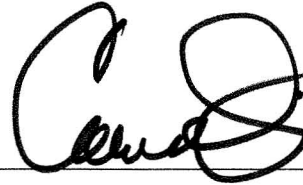
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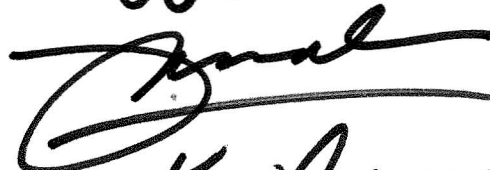


BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, that the City and County of Honolulu increase fines on illegal mopeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu create a task force to examine the feasibility of putting license plates on mopeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the mayor and the council members of the City and County of Honolulu and the Honolulu Police Department.

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