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**TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2199**

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

The Department of Transportation supports this bill. However, we would like to point out a fact that may make implementation or enforcement near impossible.

Section 5 of the bill establishes a financial penalty for having a moped on the road without a certificate of inspection. Currently, two counties do not conduct moped inspections due to a lack of funds for officers to monitor inspection stations. If this bill passes and the law is enforced, virtually all moped owners in those counties will be eligible for a citation through no fault of their own.

In Section 6 of the bill, subsection (g) is modified to limit the inspection of mopeds only to exhaust systems. Currently 19-135, Hawaii Administrative Rules address other equipment on mopeds in addition to exhaust systems. We believe that if it is decided that mopeds are to be inspected, it is beneficial to inspect items related to safety as well as an item related to noise.