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Subject: SCR76/ SSCR 2664; Testimony, Hearing by Committee on Transportation for 17 March 2010

Submitted by John Goody, on behalf of Hawaii Bicycling League

To the Chair and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in favor of the subject concurrent resolution, requesting the DOT to evaluate revisions to safety rules governing use of bicycles, mopeds, and other, light, two wheeled vehicles. Testimony previously submitted for the Senate's consideration of this measure is attached to the measure but was not distributed to the Senate committee in time for consideration. We request that the wording of the measure be revised to reflect the fact that bicycles are a popular, efficient and realistic mode of transportation favored by a growing number of commuters, by insertion of the following language in place of lines 6 through 9 on page 1:

“Whereas traditional bicycles powered solely by human muscles are an effective and efficient transportation option attractive to many commuters, others commuters over longer distances may prefer to use hybrid or power-assisted technologies; and”.

Since stakeholders are to be involved in providing input on this study, please include the following in the distribution list at the end of the resolution: Hawaii Bicycling League, PATH Hawaii, PATH Kauai and the Maui Bicycle Alliance.

Thank you for consideration of this testimony

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TO: Representative Joseph Souki, Chair
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DATE: Monday, March 15, 2010

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HEARING: 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 17, 2010

SUBJECT: SCR 76 – Support with Amendments

Aloha Representatives,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify regarding SCR 76, which requests the state Department of Transportation to coordinate a study and recommend changes to laws to accommodate the safe and proper operation of bicycles, segways and mopeds.

Bicycling is an effective and fun way to commute, do errands and get exercise. According to the League of American Bicyclists, bicycle commuting in Honolulu increased 23% from 2000 to 2008. As mentioned in the American Bicyclist January/February 2010 issue, examples of successful laws and policies in other U.S. locations include:

- Arizona – all state employees who drive a state vehicle must complete driver training on the legal and safe ways of interacting on roadways;
- San Francisco, CA – the city partners with San Francisco Bicycle Coalition's education program for various professional drivers including taxi, USPS and other delivery drivers;
- Austin, TX – Municipal court mandates the League Cycling Instructor motor course to motorists cited for illegal behavior toward cyclists;
- San Luis Obispo, CA – all major intersections are equipped with bike-sensitive loop or camera detection systems; and
- Tempe, Arizona – special emphasis is placed on a traffic calming policy with a goal to move more people at the same time rather than to add motor vehicle capacity.

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 76

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation supports this resolution.

We believe that coordinating a study with the transportation department of each of the respective counties and with interested stakeholders to recommend changes to current laws, can help keep Hawaii's roadways safe.

We also believe this will help people better understand the proper operation of bicycles, mopeds, two-seat mopeds, Segways, hybrid bicycles and powerful mopeds.

Testimony of Natalie Iwasa

SCR 76, Transportation Committee Wednesday, March 17, 2010

With proper education, enforcement, engineering, encouragement and evaluation, we are certain to provide an environment in which people feel comfortable and confident riding bicycles on our roads. I therefore support this resolution with the following amendments.

Please substitute lines 6 through 9 with, "Whereas traditional bicycles powered solely by human muscles are an effective and efficient transportation option attractive to many commuters, other commuters over longer distances may prefer to use hybrid or power-assisted technologies; and".

In addition, since stakeholders are to be involved in providing input on this study, please include the following in the distribution list at the end of the resolution: Hawaii Bicycling League, PATH Hawaii, PATH Kauai and the Maui Bicycle Alliance.