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February 3, 2011

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 426
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 1629, Relating to Motorized Vehicles

The City and County of Honolulu is opposed to H.B. No. 1629, which will require the registration and titling of mopeds.

Currently, mopeds are only issued permanent certificates of registration at a flat rate of \$15.00. The conversion of the existing file of approximately 26,000 registered mopeds would be an extremely difficult manual task. In order to obtain the taxable weights, we would need to contact all moped manufacturers and manually input the moped's shipping weight plus 30 pounds (Section 249-1, HRS), assuming that the manufacturers have this information. Finally, we would need to stagger the moped's expiration date.

The registration of mopeds as motor vehicles would be possible if this requirement would be effective for all initial registrations and the subsequent recording of transfer of ownership of currently registered mopeds.

The City and County of Honolulu recommends that H.B. No. 1629 be held.

Sincerely,


for  Gail Y. Haraguchi
Director

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From: David R. Marshall [kalaimokulele@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 8:00 AM
To: TRNtestimony
Cc: Kari Benes; Laura Dierenfield; Jan Higaki; Sean Hiraoka; Charles Hirata; John Kaizuka; Arkie Koehl; Bobby Lung; Costas Papacostas; Mitch Roth
Subject: HB1629 Mopeds

I support HB1629 and State Registration of Mopeds.

This effort is in line with The Motorcycle and Moped Safety Emphasis Area - Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and its efforts to institute Tiered Motorcycle Licensing.

Mopeds are motorized two-wheeled vehicles operated in the same traffic environment as motorcycles, and should be treated as such.

Mahalo,

David R Marshall,
Chair, Motorcycle and Moped Safety,
Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan