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February 13, 2012

HB 2356
RELATING TO MOPEDS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation supports House Bill No. 2356. Due to the size and weight of a moped, it is imperative that the moped operator has full control of the vehicle. The only way this can be accomplished is to have two hands on the steering bar. Therefore the carrying of articles in one hand would prevent the control of the moped. Operating a moped and passing vehicles in the same lane or between lanes and vehicles has always been a dangerous and a risky maneuver that can lead to serious injuries or death. This measure will ensure the safe riding of a moped in traffic which will prevent injuries and the loss of life.

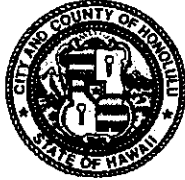
We urge this committee to pass House Bill No. 2356 as it will prevent injuries and the loss of life while operating a moped.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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February 13, 2012

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

Dear Chair Souki and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 2356, Relating to Mopeds

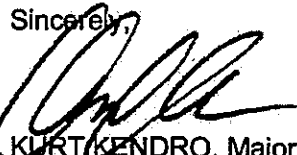
I am Kurt Kendro, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the passage of House Bill No. 2356, Relating to Mopeds. Passage of this bill would further regulate the operation of mopeds on the roadways to make it safer for our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:


LOUIS M. KEALOHA
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Sincerely,

KURT KENDRO, Major
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Comments:

MOPEDS MUST FIRST BE CONSIDERED A MOTOR VEHICLE AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. THIS IS A REAL PROBLEM AND A SAFETY ISSUE

LATE TESTIMONY

TO: Members of the Committee on Transportation

FROM: Natalie Iwasa, aka Bike Mom
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HEARING: 9 a.m. Monday, February 13, 2012

SUBJECT: HB 2356 Relating to Mopeds - **Amendment Requested**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on HB 2356 which amends the law traffic regarding mopeds.

Motorized vehicles should not be allowed on bicycle, pedestrian or shared-use paths because of the potential conflict with the users on those paths.

Therefore, please amend this bill as follows:

- Page 3, lines 16 and 17 – delete “exclusive use of pedestrians” and insert “bicycle, pedestrian or shared-use paths.”