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Testimony in Support of HB 2760 HD1 RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY  
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Submitted by Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League

The Hawaii Bicycling League supports this bill because it disallows mopeds from bike paths (also known as multiuse or shared use paths) and also disallows mopeds from bike lanes. We take the same position as the State DOT and the Maui Bicycle Alliance.

**Bicycle/multiuse/shared use paths.**

Bicycle paths are off the roads and streets. Bicycle lanes are part of or adjacent to roads.

Bicycle paths/multiuse paths/shared use paths are for nonmotorized transportation including walking, running, skateboarding, baby strollers and bicycling.

Mopeds, which can go faster than any nonmotorized modes, introduce danger and noise to shared use paths, where other users have deliberately taken themselves off the roads for safety and quiet.

As Hawaii develops more shared use paths, these will become havens for local residents and attractions for visitors who will want to experience Hawaii on foot or on bicycles for health, recreation and green transportation.

**Bicycle lanes.**

Mopeds should ride in traffic like other vehicles, as they are allowed to under HRS 291C-193, 194 and 196. Mopeds are dangerous on bicycle lanes because they are faster than bicycles and usually attempt to pass bicycles in narrow bicycle lanes. Further, under HRS 291C-76 where there are no sidewalks, pedestrians may use road shoulders (bicycle lanes) by walking in the opposite direction as traffic. Mopeds in bicycle lanes provide too much opportunity for conflict and injury.

*Ride Aloha! Drive Aloha!*

*Everyone has the right to be safe on Hawaii's roads.*

Mamalahoe Kanawai, Kamehameha's Law of the Splintered Paddle 1797, Hawaii state constitution 1978

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**LATE TESTIMONY**

February 23, 2012

TO: Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Joseph Pontanilla, Council Vice- Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Pontanilla".

DATE: Thursday February 23, 2012

SUBJECT: **TESTIMONY OFFERING COMMENTS ON HB 2760, HD 1 RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and offer comments on this measure. I provide this testimony as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

While I share support for legislation to protect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists on bicycle paths, I prefer HB 1759, which is part of the Maui County Legislative Package and for which I have provided earlier supportive testimony.

HB 2760, HD 1, would prohibit all moped use on bicycle lanes and bicycle paths. Such prohibition fails to consider the safety hazards to moped drivers and other motorists that arise when mopeds are operated in the regular flow of vehicular traffic.

HB 1759 by prohibiting moped drivers from using bicycle paths wherever bicycle lanes are provided, offers compromise to existing law which allows moped use on bicycle lanes or bicycle paths and of a proposed outright ban of moped use on bicycle lanes or bicycle paths outlined in HB 2760, HD 1. Whenever a moped user has the option of using a bicycle lane, they should be required to do so, leaving the bicycle path free to the exclusive use of pedestrians and bicyclists.

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