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Comments:

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

Bicycle paths are also known as multiuse paths, shared use paths, and are for nonmotorized transportation including walking, running, skateboarding, baby carriaging, and bicycling. To allow mopeds which can go much faster than any of the mentioned nonmotorized modes introduces a dangerous element into multiuse paths where users deliberately take themselves away from road motorized traffic by choice.

In addition, mopeds are very noisy and disturb the peace and quiet of multiuse path experiences. As Hawaii develops more multiuse paths, these will become havens for quiet recreation and will also encourage more bicycling tourism, which has soft impacts on the environment and brings in tourists with money and appreciation for nature.

If this bill is written out of concern for moped riders, then let's make the roads safer and educate the public, drivers and moped riders to share the roads. Let's not solve a perceived problem by creating a worse problem on multiuse paths.

Mahalo,
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