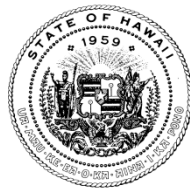


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SB 2045
RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY

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The Department of Transportation supports Senate Bill 2045 provided it is modified to disallow mopeds on any bike path. Mopeds can travel at speeds up to 35 miles per hour. Thus, allowing the mix of mopeds in with pedestrians and bicyclists on bicycle paths will only increase the potential for events to occur that result in significant injury to pedestrians, bicyclists, and the moped operators.

Therefore, we believe that prohibiting mopeds from bicycle paths at all times will create a safer environment for the pedestrians and bicyclists using such paths.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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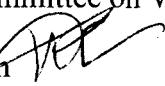
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TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Don Couch 
Council Member, South Maui District

DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2012

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 2045, RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY**

The purpose of this measure is to restrict the use of motorized vehicles upon a bicycle path. I **support** the intent of this measure, however, the language of the bill as it currently reads allows for the use of mopeds on bike paths under certain circumstances. Bike paths should be designated for the use of bicycles and pedestrians.

Therefore, I would like to propose that mopeds be prohibited from bike paths. Specifically, my proposed amendment is as follows:

- Strike the text “or moped” from page 1, line 9. This amendment will only allow bicycles to be used on bike paths. This will provide consistency with our County of Maui code banning mopeds from bike paths, ensuring the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Strike the word “and” from page 3, line 2. The new text would read, “(a) Wherever bicycle lanes are provided on the roadway, moped drivers shall use such bicycle lanes[.] Mopeds [and] shall not use bicycle paths.” This amendment establishes clear restrictions for the use of mopeds on bike paths. There are already requirements for mopeds to ride as near to the right-hand curb, on the edge of the roadway, or on the shoulder off of the roadway as practicable (HRS Section 291C-145).

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.



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Testimony in Support of SB 2045 With Corrections RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY
WAM 9am Rm 211 2/23/12
Submitted by Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League

The Hawaii Bicycling League supports this bill if it is amended to disallow mopeds from bike paths, also known as multiuse or shared use paths. We take the same position as the State DOT and the Maui Bicycle Alliance.

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.

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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