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Testimony in Support of SB 2080 PGM/EDT 2:50 p.m. Rm 224 2/14/12 Submitted by Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League

The Hawaii Bicycling League's mission is to get more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation and transportation by making Hawaii's streets safer, through advocacy, education, and events. We support this bill, which supports BMX bicycle riding at the same level as skateboarding. Whether skateboards and bmx bikes belong in the same space at the same time needs to be further explored.

If supporters of bmx riding can find appropriate locations and support, then this bill will assist with liability protection.

HBL looks forward to hearing what others have to say about this bill.

Chad Taniguchi Executive Director Hawaii Bicycling League

## 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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HEARING: 2:50 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2012

SUBJECT:

SB 2080 Government Liability BMX Activities SUPPORT

Aloha Chairs and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on SB2080, which would limit liability of counties, the state and volunteers for damages or injuries that result from bicycle motorcross (BMX) activities at certain parks. While this bill limits liability, governments would remain responsible and liable for failure to maintain or repair the parks.

My boys enjoy both skateboarding and BMX riding, and I support this bill.

Please vote "yes" on this measure.

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## Comments:

Please give this some serious consideration. Our kids (I'm a teacher at Farrington) need to get out in the fresh air and get some "real fun" and exercise. Maybe this bill will remove somebody's "Fear Factor" about getting sued. The DLNR is considering wiping out The Sandbox, a volunteer-built BMX track down on Sand Island next to HCC's building where Hokulea rests, and it is a very well-used and loved place for parents and kids to have good clean fun together.