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State Capitol, Room 325

H.B. 1324 H.D.1
RELATING TO MOPEDS

House Committee on Judiciary

The DOT **supports** H.B. 1324, H.D. 1.

This bill will help regulate the noise emitted by mopeds by making it possible to identify illegal mufflers simply by comparing the number stamped on the muffler with the number that is on the EPA certification label. The starting date of January 1, 2014 provides adequate warning to people who purchase mopeds that the EPA label is important for continued use of the vehicle. By requiring an annual inspection the bill will also help discourage owners from modifying their mopeds so they travel faster than 30 mph.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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February 25, 2013

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
514 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 1324 HD1, Relating to Mopeds

The City and County of Honolulu has no objections to the intent of H.B. No. 1324 HD1 which among other requirements, will require the annual registration and safety inspection of mopeds.

For operational efficiency purposes, we recommend that Section 1 of the bill be amended by allowing the registration expiration dates to be staggered based upon the month of initial registration. We recommend that Section 1 of the bill be amended to:

"(a) Bicycles having two tandem wheels that are twenty inches or more in diameter [and all mopeds] are required to be registered and shall be subject to a permanent registration fee of \$15, to be paid by the owners thereof to the director of finance. All mopeds are required to be registered [every calendar year] on a staggered basis based upon the month of initial registration and subject to an annual registration fee of \$15, to be paid by the owners thereof to the director of finance. The owner of the moped shall submit a current official certificate of inspection, issued under section 286-26, as part of the registration process."

All moped registrations currently on file will have a December 31, 2014 expiration date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis A. Kamimura". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dennis A. Kamimura
Licensing Administrator