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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is very  
2 dependent on imported oil for its energy needs. Encouraging  
3 different modes of transportation that use alternative energy  
4 can help to reduce oil dependency. Although bicycles may  
5 currently be operated on various types of pathways, bicycles  
6 powered by means other than human power, such as an electric  
7 motor, are currently not allowed to be similarly operated.  
8 Allowing electronic bicycles may result in increased usage of  
9 this means of transportation which can reduce dependency on  
10 foreign oil.

11           SECTION 2. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by amending the definition of "bicycle" to read as  
13 follows:

14           "\"Bicycle\" means [~~every~~]:

15           (1) A vehicle propelled solely by human power upon which  
16           any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, and  
17           including any vehicle generally recognized as a



1 bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear  
2 wheels except a toy bicycle[-]; or  
3 (2) A two- or three-wheeled vehicle with fully operable  
4 pedals and an electric motor of less than seven  
5 hundred fifty watts or one horsepower, whose maximum  
6 speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by  
7 such motor while ridden by a person who weighs one  
8 hundred seventy pounds, is less than twenty miles per  
9 hour."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 1945

**Report Title:**

Transportation; Electric Bicycle; Bicycle

**Description:**

Amends the definition of "bicycle" to include a bicycle powered by an electric motor.

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