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**HB1753**

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**House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Conference Room 325 State Capitol

Wednesday February 17, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

HB 1753 - Relating to Mopeds

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson and Members of the Committee. My name is Tim Dayton and I am General Manager for GEICO, Hawaii's largest insurer of motor vehicles. **GEICO supports this Bill.** As noted in the Bill, there were 354 mopeds involved in major traffic accidents in 2012; this number considers only those reported by police and there are many more involved in accidents without a police report. GEICO also suggests that the Bill be amended to mandate compliance with insurance and minimum financial security requirements currently in place for motorcycles and motor vehicles.

We urge the Committee to move this proposal and very much appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Timothy M. Dayton, CPCU

## Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group

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February 16, 2016

Dear Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

Thank you for taking the time to address moped issues. On behalf of the Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group (MNMWG), **we are in support of HB 1753 with amendments.** We propose amendments that require license plates on mopeds and increase fines for illegally modified moped motors and mufflers. We also urge you to evaluate whether the \$50 annual registration fee could be lower, in order to minimize the financial impacts on all moped drivers.

Community members from across Oahu have participated in and provided valuable input through the MNMWG. The MNMWG held two meetings this past January that resulted in a consensus on the proposals listed below, which are already in place for other vehicles using public roads. We support legislation to help reduce noise from illegally modified mopeds that include the following provisions:

- **Require annual moped safety inspections.**  
These inspections examine mufflers for modifications that increase moped noise, according to the State Department of Transportation's Moped Inspection Handbook.
- **Allow police to require an inspection or correction of mopeds suspected of illegal modifications.**  
This authorization would ensure compliance with the safety check process by citing people who might modify their mopeds after a safety inspection.
- **Increase fines for illegally modifying moped motors and mufflers.**  
Higher fines are justified when moped owners intentionally break the law by modifying their motor and muffler, which results in higher than allowed speeds and excessive noise. This is an abuse of the moped vehicle category.
- **Require license plates for easier identification of violators.**  
This ensures more accountability for moped drivers' actions.

The specific language that effectuates our amendments is contained in HB 1848.

Numerous neighborhood boards across Oahu have formally adopted resolutions requesting the legislature to pass legislation for all of the listed items. The City and County of Honolulu Neighborhood Commission Office has records of the adopted resolutions in case you have not received copies.

I look forward to a continued dialog on getting a bill passed this year that addresses moped noise concerns, while recognizing these items will address road/vehicle safety as well. The moped noise problem has been going on for far too long in our communities. Mahalo for your support.

Sincerely,  
Tim Streitz  
Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group

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House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the portion of this bill that requires the annual inspection of mopeds. The DOT does not take a position on the annual registration requirement of mopeds as it is a county function.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Testimony of Bob Kern In Favor of Bill 1753  
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
February 17, 2016

Aloha Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee. My name is Bob Kern. I am testifying today as a citizen who has endured many a day after a sleepless night because of the disruptive and unnecessary noise of illegally modified mopeds.

I support Bill 1753 and request that it be amended to require mopeds to display a license plate. Doing so will make it easier to identify offenders.

The legislature has found public safety to be a state priority. Modified mopeds create a safety hazard for riders who modify their moped to make them go faster than they are designed to go. The process of modifying the moped results in a much noisier vehicle. Noise, too, is a public safety issue that affects many more people than just the individual moped rider. One noisy moped can disrupt the sleep of a neighborhood extending the public safety hazard as sleepless citizens drive to work in the morning.

Like myself, you may have been kept awake by a noisy moped. What I find even more irritating than the noise itself is knowing that that noise is the result of illegal behavior. More irritating still, is the feeling of being helpless against it.

Until now.

Bill 1753 extends police the authority to require a moped suspected of being modified to be inspected. I encourage bill 1753 to be amended to require mopeds to display a license plate for easier detection and identification of riders who have modified their mopeds. Officers task of protecting the public would be easier, especially in the case of repeat offenders, if mopeds were required to display a license plate.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Respectfully,



Bob Kern

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