

Dear Chair Rhodes,

I am writing to offer testimony in support of HB 1753. The issue of noise generated by excessively loud mopeds has been a constant complaint in McCully-Moiliili for years.

Including the four points listed below in HB 1753 would be a good first step in alleviating the serious problem of loud mopeds.

1. Require an annual safety inspection

Annual safety inspections would detect illegal modifications and help reduce the number of modified mopeds on the public roads.

2. Authorize police to require inspection and correction of mopeds suspected of illegal alterations.

This is another way to deter these illegal moped modifications. Police officers, when they have reasonable belief that a moped is unsafe or is not equipped as required by law, can require the owner or driver to submit the moped to an inspection or make the necessary corrections or repairs.

3. Require license plates for easier detection of violators.

In addition to proof of registration decal stickers, a license plate would be more visible and allow the police and public to identify mopeds suspected of a violation.

4. Increase fines for modifying moped motors and mufflers.

Tougher penalties may help deter violators and help reduce unlawful modifications.

Please help improve the quality of life on Oahu by including these points in HB 1753 and by supporting the bill.

Respectfully,
Klement Kondratovich

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TESTIMONY OF
LARRY S VERAY
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HB1753 HD2 RELATING TO LEGISLATION OF MOPEDS
FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Aloha Chair Rhoades and members of the Committee on Judiciary. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB1753 HD2. I am Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board and I represent the many citizens who are negatively impacted by excessive moped exhaust noise and that loud noise waking individuals and families at all hours of the day. Our citizens deserve the best quality of life in Hawaii. The Pearl City Neighborhood Board unanimously passed a resolution in support of legislation to help reduce noise from illegally modified mopeds. Our Board submits and requires 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.

In closing, I urge you to pass HB1753 HD2 and mandate annual safety inspections, police law enforcement, increase fines for illegally modified mopeds and initiate license plates at time of moped registration. These initiatives may prevent the loss of life from moped excessive speeds on our roads and mitigating excessive moped exhaust noise. Thank you for your support.

Very respectfully,

Larry S. Veray



LILIIHA/ PUUNUI/ ALEWA/ KAMEHAMEHA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 14

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**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL AND THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
TO ENACT LAWS THAT REDUCE EXCESSIVE MOPED NOISE**

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Liliha/ Puunui/ Alewa/ Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 requests the Honolulu City Council to adopt Bill 83 (2015), and the state legislature to pass legislation, to require annual safety inspections of mopeds; and

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INTRODUCED BY:

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
Board Member

LATE

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: Monday, February 8, 2016



DIAMOND HEAD/KAPAHULU/ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 5

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INTRODUCED BY:

K. Russell Ho For

George West, Chair

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: January 14, 2016



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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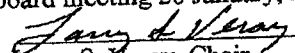
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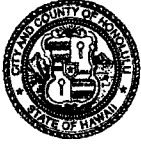
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Adopted by the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 at its regular board meeting 26 January, 2016 by Board vote 11-0-0.


Larry S. Veray, Chair





McCULLY/MO'ILI'ILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 8

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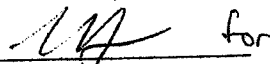
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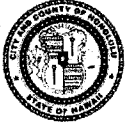
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Adopted by the McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8 at its regular board meeting February 4, 2016 by Board vote 12-0-0. (Agbannawag; Choe; Edwards; Kawamoto; Kondratovich; Lockwood; Manutai; Nash; Streitz; Tomita; Yamaguchi; Zibakalam)


Ronald N. Lockwood, Chair



PALOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 requests the Honolulu City Council to adopt Bill 83 (2015), and the state legislature to pass legislation, to require annual safety inspections of mopeds; and

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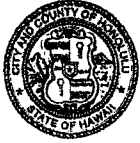
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INTRODUCED BY:
Andrew H.D.T Chung

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: February 10, 2016

This resolution was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY at the February 10, 2016 Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 regular meeting, 10-0-0 (Aye: Aronowitz, Chung, Hack, Heskett, Holtrop, Jerlow, Mau, Nakayama, Shiraki, and Weinstein; No: None; Abstain: None).



MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 requests the Honolulu City Council to adopt Bill 83 (2015) to require annual safety inspections of mopeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board requests the Hawaii State Legislature to authorize police departments the ability to require moped owners to submit their vehicle to an inspection if there is reasonable cause to believe it is unsafe or not properly equipped as required by law; and

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Adopted by Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 at its regular meeting of January 27, 2016, by a vote of 19-2-1.



Richard G. Poirier, Chair



KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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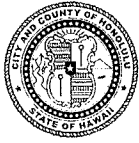
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Accepted on Thursday, February 4, 2016 by a vote of 12 Aye, 1 Nay, and 2 Abstain.

Amenda Eche
Chair, Chuck Prentiss for



DIAMOND HEAD/KAPAHULU/ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 5

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INTRODUCED BY:

K. Russell Ho FOR

George West, Chair

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: January 14, 2016

Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group

tstreitz.nb8@gmail.com

February 25, 2016

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

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 annual moped safety inspections 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:

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This authorization would ensure compliance with the safety check process by citing people who might modify their mopeds after a safety inspection.
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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.

We also note that the Hawaii State Association of Counties included in its 2016 legislative package, agreed upon by all four County Councils, a bill to require annual safety inspections for mopeds.

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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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL AND THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LAWS THAT REDUCE EXCESSIVE MOPED NOISE

WHEREAS, there are reportedly more than 36,000 mopeds on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood boards across Oahu have reported numerous complaints about excessive moped noise in their communities over the years; and

WHEREAS, excessive moped noise negatively impacts citizens' quality of life as well as the visitor experience, both of which are essential to our state's economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the majority of excessive vehicle noise is generated by moped owners modifying their engine and/or muffler due to a lack of sufficient control measures and enforcement for this vehicle type; and

WHEREAS, while it is currently illegal to modify a moped exhaust system that increases its noise above the original manufacturer equipment, existing fines are negligible and there is no law allowing officers the ability to submit mopeds to inspections when there is reasonable cause to believe there is a violation; and

WHEREAS, mopeds are not required to display clearly identifiable license plates and, consequently, are difficult for concerned citizens to report them on infractions of law; and

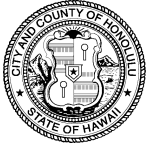
WHEREAS, the State Department of Transportation has adopted administrative rules to regulate moped safety inspections, which include within the scope excessive noise from exhaust systems, for counties that make them mandatory; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu does not require moped safety inspections, although its City Council has introduced Bill 83 (2015) to require such inspections; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 requests the Honolulu City Council to adopt Bill 83 (2015) to require annual safety inspections of mopeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board requests the Hawaii State Legislature to authorize police departments the ability to require moped owners to submit their vehicle to an





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inspection if there is reasonable cause to believe it is unsafe or not properly equipped as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board requests the Hawaii State Legislature to increase the fines for violations of motor and muffler modifications exceeding the manufacturer limits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board requests the Hawaii State Legislature to statutorily distinguish mopeds from bicycles such that mopeds shall be required to display a clearly identifiable license plate, similar in size to motorcycles, as part of their registration; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu; the Director of the City and County Department of Transportation Services, Area legislators, the Director of the State Department of Transportation, and all neighborhood board chairs.

Adopted by Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 at its regular meeting of January 27, 2016, by a vote of 19-2-1.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard G. Poirier".

Richard G. Poirier, Chair



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Richard Frey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ann S Freed	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair and members, I strongly support this bill. I am a member of Neighborhood Board 25 and we voted on a resolution in support. Mopeds have become a menace to the public. With their virtually unregulated status too many owners have modified their mufflers to create high levels of noise in previously quiet residential communities. In addition since they are not required to be licensed, it is difficult to enforce even the noise ordinance, let alone ensuring that they are actually safe to drive. For the public good please pass this bill. Mahalo, Ann Freed

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Testimony of Bob Kern In Favor of Bill 1753
House Judiciary Committee
February 26, 2016

Aloha Chair Rhodes and members of the Committee. I am testifying today as a citizen who is tired – literally – of being wakened at all hours of the night by the sound of illegally modified mopeds.

I support Bill 1753 and encourage that it be amended to require annual inspections for mopeds. License plates, expanded police authority to require mopeds suspected of being modified be inspected as well as fines for violators should be maintained. These four points will help mitigate the sound of illegally modified mopeds.

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 and angry citizens drive to work.

The noise of modified mopeds is irritating. What I find even more irritating than the noise itself is knowing that much of it is the result of illegal behavior. More irritating still, is the feeling of being helpless against it.

Annual inspections, license plates, expanded police authority and fines will protect citizens against the noise of modified mopeds and help us sleep better and be safer.

Please amend bill 1753 to require mopeds to be inspected every year.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Respectfully,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for hearing this bill HB1753 to require vehicle registration for mopeds. I have heard modified mopeds loudly run in front of my house late at night and would greatly appreciate that the state better regulate mopeds for safety and easy identification. Please support this bill.

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Philip Pearson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this bill. This is just another attempt by the legislature to reach into the pockets of the public and use their wallets as an ATM. I don't see how putting a license plate on a moped makes them any safer. How many moped accidents are cause by unsafe mopeds vs unsafe moped drivers? Who is going to enforce unsafe mopeds on public roads as it is not being enforced now. Even with cars, once the owner gets their safety inspection, they put back their big tires, blinding lights, tinted license plate covers and drive merrily down the road and are rarely if ever stopped. I see cars and trucks like that on the road every single day with no enforcement. Before you reach in our pockets to take more of our hard earned money we need an accounting of where the money you have already taken is being spent. It sure isn't going to fix the roads or synchronizing the traffic lights.

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