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H.B. 1753, H.D. 3, S.D.1
RELATING TO MOPEDS

Senate Committees on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent of this bill with amendments** for this bill that requires the Director of Finance to issue moped number plates, requires annual registration of mopeds and stipulates registration fee for a moped shall be \$50.00.

Under current law, the issuance of all other number license plates is the responsibility of the county directors of finance. Therefore, DOT believes it is prudent to keep the responsibility for the proposed license plate production and registration of mopeds to remain with the county directors of finance by amending the bill to read as follows:

"§286- Number plates for mopeds; registration. (a) The [director] director of finance shall cause to be produced number plates and tags or emblems for the registration of mopeds operated in the State.

(b) The [director] director of finance shall number and register the moped in the owner's name in a permanent record or book to be kept by the [director] director of finance for this purpose, and shall furnish the owner thereof with a receipt showing upon its face the license number issued for the moped. The registration fee shall be \$ _____ per year. The [director] director of finance shall also furnish the owner, upon the original registration of the moped, one plate with the registration number marked thereon. Upon the payment of a registration fee for each year, a tag or emblem bearing a serial number and the month and year of expiration shall be provided to the owner. Transfer of current number plates, tag, or emblem, except as authorized by this chapter, is punishable by a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense.

(c) Upon an original registration the [director] director of finance shall fix, and shall charge to the owner, a fee equal to the cost of the number plate and tag or emblem plus the administrative cost of furnishing the plate and tag or emblem and effecting the registration. Upon the issuance of a new series of number plates, the [director] director of finance shall charge the owner a fee equal to the costs of the number plate plus the administrative cost of furnishing the plate. Upon issuing a tag or emblem, the director

shall charge the owner a fee of 50 cents. The owner shall securely fasten the number plate on the rear of the moped at a location provided by the manufacturer or in the absence of such a location upon the bumper of the moped and in conformance with section 291-31, in such a manner as to prevent the plate from swinging. The number plate shall at all times be displayed entirely unobscured and be kept reasonably clean.

(d) Upon the issuance of the tag or emblem, the owner shall affix the tag or emblem to the top right portion of the rear number plate."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

George N. West

Chair, Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St Louis Hts. NB No. 5

April 7, 2016

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for taking the time to address the issue of moped regulation and the opportunity to present testimony in **support of HB 1753, HD3, SD1 with amendments** increasing regulations to improve operational safety and importantly, the health and welfare of the general community which is being adversely affected by extremely excessive noise related to illegal modifications to engines and or exhaust systems of certain mopeds.

Neighborhood Board No.5, as well as several other Boards across the island, have formally adopted resolutions, copies of which are available through the Neighborhood Commission Office, in support of key items that will address the issue. A Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group, composed of neighborhood board members and community, was formed to gather community input and provide a forum for addressing the concern.

A consensus was reached on proposals to address the issue and include:

Require annual safety inspections

Allow police to require inspection of suspected illegal modifications

Increase fines for illegal modifications

Require license plates

More detail can be provided on the rationale for the proposed new regulatory items that were crafted to address mopeds specifically without effecting other motor vehicle classifications and are intended to address illegal modifications and operation of certain mopeds while recognizing the value of mopeds as an efficient and affordable means of transportation for a large segment of the community.

Furtherance of HB 1753 is urged addressing this long-standing community issue as evidenced by agenda and minutes of neighborhood board meetings going back many years. Thank you for accepting this late testimony.

Sincerely,

George N. West

Chair, NB No. 5

Member, Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group

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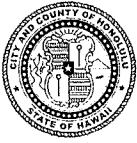
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbra Armentrout	Neighborhood Board 5	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting the Resolution that was passed unanimously by NB5 and dated January 16, 2016. We have gotten a lot of feedback from residents in our NB5 District concerning Mopeds and our NB5 has joined with other Neighborhood Boards to ask legislation to require the following: 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. Require license plated 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 and of being stolen. 3. Increase fines for modifying moped motors and mufflers. Tougher penalties may help deter violators and help reduce unlawful modifications. Currently because mopeds are unregulated many laws are broken by the riders in deliberately cutting off cars, riding in the bike lane, etc. They share the road with automobiles and in doing so must adhere to the laws of the road. By being registered this puts I believe if every moped is required to have a registration and license plate there will be identification and also a record of the owner and also buying and selling of mopeds will make it better to distinguish the legal from the stolen. Now if a moped is stolen there is no way to identify it. I DO NOT THINK IT NECESSARY THAT A HELMET BE REQUIRED AS THERE IS NO HELMET LAW FOR MOTORCYCLES AND THE HELMET LAW FOR BICYCLES IS ONLY THAT RIDERS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A BICYCLE HELMET. This is not the issue with this bill because first and foremost we have to have mopeds registered by the owners. They never have been registered before so this bill should not be confused with the controversial bill introduced earlier this session related to increased fees for automobiles that failed. There are approximated 39,000 mopeds on Oahu now and if the fee is \$50 to register them that would be \$1,950,000.00 more for the State. Currently mopeds are only required to have a yellow bicycle sticker on them and more injuries are sustained being hit by a moped than a bicycle. We all at the Neighborhood Boards listen to our residents and in doing so have come before you and sincerely hope you in turn listen to us and advance this moped bill. Thank you to Chair Senator Tokuda for adding this bill to the agenda today

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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 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 for this vehicle type; and

WHEREAS, it is currently illegal to modify a moped exhaust system that increases its noise above the original manufacturer equipment, but 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 Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 requests the Honolulu City Council to adopt Bill 83 (2015) to require annual safety inspections of mopeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests the 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 equipped as required by law, comparable to requirements for other motorized vehicles using public roadways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests the state legislature to increase the fines for violations of motor and muffler modifications exceeding the manufacturer limits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests the 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 Department of Transportation Services, House members in Districts 17-51; Senators in Districts 9-25, the Director of the State Department of Transportation, and the Chairs of the Neighborhood Boards.

INTRODUCED BY:

K. Russell Ho FOR

George West, Chair

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: January 14, 2016



December 11, 2015

Representative Tom Brower
House District 22
Hawaii State Capitol Room 315 / 415 S Beretania St # 310
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Tom Brower,

How are you? I hope well. I'm tired. Very tired.

I'm writing to you to discuss an issue that has been plaguing me, my neighbors and unsuspecting tourists for quite some time: the tremendous nuisance of motorcycle and moped noise during night (sleeping) hours in Waikiki.

I've voted for you twice in my seven years in Hawaii and Waikiki, because you are tough on the issues affecting us in this one square mile of paradise. I even recall receiving in the mail a newsletter shortly after your reelection that updated us on what you are doing. Such was very much appreciated, and I wish you would do that regularly.

But I must be candid: The sheer acoustics of Waikiki- with the high rises, open ocean and Ft. DeRussy park- are a unique environment that magnify even the slightest sounds. I have lived in various parts of town and now live at Inn On The Park (on Ala Moana Blvd. between Kalakaua and Kalia Roads), and you can even hear pedestrian conversations on the sidewalk very high up in my building. I've put up with it for four years now, but would be equally angry, if I were a tourist who's spent thousands to visit here, just once.

I am nothing but a realistic and fair person. I harbor no general resentment for motorcycle and moped riders enjoying the open road, as I used to own a moped, myself. However, as much as they should be free, so do residents and tourists have the right to a good night's sleep.

The revving of engines, nay the idling of some, rival a jet engine passing by (not exaggerating) and there has got to be a solution. Last night from 10pm-10:30pm- for an entire half hour- one or more riders could be heard circling all over town- from my neighborhood, down Kalakaua, over to and down the Ala Wai, and back again through my neighborhood. My block in particular- because it is an uninterrupted straightaway without side streets or traffic lights- is prime territory for the practice.

I'm at my wits' end and patience and thought of beginning to shine a laser light down on them to disrupt their passage, but that's hit-or-miss and dangerous, nay illegal. Ongoing night construction and running of generators through the night is bad enough. But that's how frustrated my neighbors and I have become.

So, what are some possible solutions? I've been racking my brain for some:

- 1) An ordinance - Fines for those who (either the police notice, or the public reports) a) rev their motorcycle or moped (the latter exceeding the speed limit on straight-aways) engine between the hours of 9pm and 5am, or b) traveling in Waikiki at all during 9pm and 5am (Actual stops would most likely result in catching some DUIers, generating income for the City and increasing public safety.);
- 2) Signage - displaying a picture of a motorcycle/moped on streets throughout Waikiki, indicating 1) (Signage seems an essential part of a solution, since a somnambulist has little time to go to their window, notice an offender, call the police, etc.);
- 3) Both 1) and 2). (Attach it to HB227, or generate a unique bill.)

I welcome your suggestions, experience and research on other towns/cities combatting this nuisance. An initiative and solution is long overdue, Tom.

Thank you very much! Happy Holidays and Aloha.

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Addendum (updated 4/7/16 for WAM Senate hearing)

I support HB 1753 with the following comment:

Seek strategically-placed street signage at intersections in Waikiki PRECEDING straightaways that facilitate speeding and/or nuisance loud operation of a moped or motorcycle during sleeping hours- **[picture of a motorized biped vehicle] "No speeding or loud operation 10pm-6am" [or face police stop and fine.]**

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Thank you for taking the time to address moped noise issues. I am in **SUPPORT of HB 1753, HD3, SD1 with amendments**. MNMWG has proposed amendments to increase fines for illegally modified moped motors and mufflers, and include an immediate effective date. The group also notes the current bill includes a requirement for moped drivers to wear a helmet. As such, I would like to point out this provision was not identified by the MNMWG as a way to address moped noise.

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. I 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.
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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.

These items are proposed without modifying the definition of motor vehicle, in order to keep mopeds an affordable means of transportation. That is, mopeds would continue to be exempt from insurance and vehicle weight taxes under the existing moped classification, which is not defined as a motor vehicle by law. 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 also would highlight 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. The moped noise problem has been going on for far too long in our communities. Mahalo for your support.

Mahalo,
Antonia Agbannawag

Testimony of Bob Kern & Micki Stash In Favor of Bill 1753
Senate Ways & Means Committee
April 7, 2016

Aloha Chair Tokuda and committee members. We offer this testimony in favor of HB 1753 as citizens who are tired of being wakened at all hours of the night by excessively loud noise from illegally modified mopeds.

We support Bill 1753 that require annual inspection for mopeds, expanded police authority to require inspection of suspected modified mopeds, license plates to more easily identify offenders and higher fines to discourage potential offenders and re-offenders. These four provisions offer citizens the best chance of experiencing fewer sleepless nights while not excessively burdening responsible moped riders.

The people want and need a quieter community. The desire to reduce moped noise is island wide and has been expressed at several community meetings and through numerous neighborhood boards that have passed resolutions to support passage of this bill.

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 safely go. 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 angry and tired citizens drive to work or school after a sleepless night.

Even more irritating than the noise of modified mopeds is knowing that much of it is the result of illegal behavior about which nothing can be done unless this bill is passed. More irritating still is the feeling of being unprotected and helpless against the noise due to lack of action to address the problem.

The legislature now has the opportunity to improve citizen's lives. Please help mitigate the noise of illegally modified mopeds by passing HB 1753 with its four important provisions.

Thank you for considering our testimony and passing HB 1753.

Respectfully,

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Kellen Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: What many people may not realize is that loud mopeds assist the drug trafficking in our communities. When a dealer wants a client to know he is coming for a drop off, the loud moped alerts that he is coming so he doesn't have to call or text. This makes the exchange go smoothly and quickly. If we require moped safety checks and reduce moped noise, it may also mitigate some drug trafficking. Mahalo for supporting this bill.

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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group

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April 6, 2016

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for taking the time to address moped noise issues. On behalf of the Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group (MNMWG), **we are in support of HB 1753, HD3, SD1 with amendments.** We propose amendments to increase fines for illegally modified moped motors and mufflers, and include an immediate effective date. We also note the current bill includes a requirement for moped drivers to wear a helmet. As such, we point out this provision was not identified by the MNMWG as a way to address moped noise.

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I personally look forward to a continued dialog on getting a bill passed this year that addresses moped noise concerns. The moped noise problem has been going on for far too long in our communities. Mahalo for your support.

Sincerely,
Tim Streit
Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group

**TESTIMONY OF
LARRY S VERAY
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON HB1753 RELATING TO LEGISLATION OF MOPEDS
April 6, 2016**

Aloha Chair Tokuda and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation on Ways and Means. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB1753, HD3, SD1 with amendments. I am Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board and member of the Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group. I also represent the many citizens who are negatively impacted by frequent 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, as well as many other Neighborhood Boards on Oahu, 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.**
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- **Require license plates for easier identification of violators.**
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This excessive noise impact to the community has festered for years and legislators have had opportunity to address community outcry but there has been no impacting legislation to mitigate the noise problem. Mopeds serve as important low cost transportation equipment for many young college students, tourists and low income individuals. We would desire to keep mopeds affordable with low cost registration, exempt from insurance and vehicle weight taxes under existing moped classification which is not defined as a motor vehicle by law.

In closing, I urge you to please pass HB1753, HD3, SD1 with amendments that mandates annual safety inspections, police law enforcement, increase fines for illegally modified mopeds and initiate license plates at time of moped registration. If you pass this legislation, I am confident this bill may prevent the loss of life from excessive moped speeding on our roads thus mitigating excessive moped exhaust noise. Mahalo for your support.

Very respectfully,
Larry S. Veray
Chair, Pearl City Neighborhood Board #21

TO: Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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HEARING: 9 a.m. Thursday, April 7, 2016

SUBJECT: HB 1753, HD3, SD1 Moped Registration and Safety Inspections - **OPPOSED**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on HB1753, HD3, SD1, which would require moped registration and annual safety inspections, among other things. While I agree some mopeds make a lot of noise, so do motorcycles, scooters and other related vehicles that are currently required to have inspections. Given the ease with which loud mufflers can be swapped on these vehicles, I'm not convinced regular inspections will significantly reduce noise on our streets.

In addition, our current safety inspection system is already overloaded. Please see the attached recent news story.

Please vote "no" on this bill.



Drivers encounter safety check delays with fewer stations, longer certification

By [Manolo Morales \(http://khon2.com/author/khonmanolomorales/\)](http://khon2.com/author/khonmanolomorales/)

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If you're having a hard time getting a safety check, you're not alone.

KHON2 has received several complaints through [the Report It feature on our website \(http://khon2.com/report-it/\)](http://khon2.com/report-it/) from vehicle owners who say it's taking longer to get them done.

The state modernized the safety check program over two years ago by having service stations use iPads to inspect the vehicles. Since then, we've heard there are fewer stations giving safety

checks.

Some station owners also say it's taking longer for them to get certified, so there are times when they can't do the safety checks.

The state started using iPads to do safety checks in November 2013. Prior to that, there were about 600 stations doing safety checks statewide.

Station owners say many of the smaller mom-and-pop stations decided to stop doing safety checks, which has led to a boon for places like Lex Brodie's in Kakaako.

The station was doing 200 safety checks a month before the iPad system. Now it's doing 600 a month.

"Maybe people are shying away from doing it, but we don't shy away from doing it. We just take them in as they come. It's definitely an increase in numbers," said Jim Baldauf from Lex Brodie's.

At Mr. Motor Service, owner Russell Tang is forced to turn safety check customers away.

"It is an inconvenience to drive all the way down here and then not get an inspection, but it is what it is," said customer Kyle Swope.

"Definitely we're going to have to do a safety check somewhere else, probably down the road or wherever," said customer Hannah Wright.

Tang's iPad has to remain off until he gets re-certified. It's been about 30 days, he says.

"I had to take the test. They had to make an appointment to take the test and then from there, you have to make another appointment to re-certify the area," Tang explained.

Those who give safety checks have to pass a written test every four years to get certified. The work area also has to be inspected to make sure they have the proper equipment.

Tang says he's losing money by turning away customers.

Safety checks may not be that profitable, but they can lead to other business. Vehicle owners are likely to get repairs done that will help them pass their safety check.

Overall, station owners have positive things to say about the iPad system. They say it's more efficient and allows them to do more inspections per day, and also there's much less paperwork.

The end and the beginning of the month are busy times for safety checks, because that's when most people do it. You can avoid a longer wait by getting your safety check done in the middle of the month.

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Comments: I believe that enforcement needs to be increased with the current laws regarding eye protection as well as registration and the stations that offer such. I have seen a lot of mopeds at night with either or both head lamps and tail lights barely visible to non-functioning. It should also be grandfathered into the law that older mopeds must go through the same requirements regarding engine and muffler modification due to the noise and increase in horsepower.

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