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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 3, 2015
2:24 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 229

S.B. 416
RELATING TO CYCLE TRACKS

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent of S.B. 416** to define cycle tracks, clarify the use of cycle tracks, and prohibit mopeds on bikeways. Cycle tracks provide another alternative to help create “complete streets”. The DOT encourages innovative alternatives like cycle tracks which build upon the flexible design approach.

However, DOT has the following concerns prohibiting mopeds on bicycle lanes, cycle tracks, or bicycle paths:

1. SECTION 13 proposes amendments to 291C-197 H.R.S. that are not consistent. The amendments to 291C-197(a) H.R.S. prohibits mopeds from driving on any bicycle lane, cycle track, or bicycle path unless allowed by rule or ordinance in subsection (b). As proposed, subsection (b) “restrict or prohibit” versus “authorizes” the use of bicycle paths by mopeds.
2. Section 291C-197 H.R.S. may not be necessary as subsection 264-18(c) H.R.S. provides the DOT and counties the authority to restrict the use of lanes, paths, routes, and ways to pedestrian and non-motorized vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 3, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 416, Relating to Cycle Tracks

I am Calvin Tong, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu. The HPD supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 416, Relating to Cycle Tracks.

The passage of this bill would clarify the term "cycle track" and prohibit the use of mopeds on bicycle lanes, cycle tracks, and bicycle paths. The prohibition of mopeds from using bicycle lanes, cycle tracks, and bicycle paths would provide a safer, protected environment for the bicycling community.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 416, Relating to Cycle Tracks.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Calvin Tong, Major
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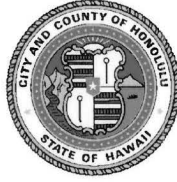
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March 2, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 416 Relating to Cycle Tracks

The Department of Transportation Services supports Senate Bill No. 416, which defines cycle tracks, clarifies the uses of cycle tracks and prohibits mopeds on all bikeways. Our department is working to make Honolulu a bicycle-friendly city through engineering, programs and policies. This bill is consistent with our efforts and would help to make bicycling safer, which is a healthy and clean mode of transportation.

Cycle tracks, also known as protected bike lanes, are bikeways that provide a physical separation between bicycles and motor vehicles. These facilities allow bicyclists of varying abilities and ages to comfortably ride on our roadways.

Currently, moped riders are required to use a bicycle lane if one is present. Due to the higher speeds that mopeds are capable of obtaining and their larger size, they can be dangerous for people who are bicycling in the same space. As such, mopeds should be driven outside of bicycle lanes, paths and cycle tracks. Senate Bill No. 416 will prohibit mopeds from using these facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 416.

Very truly yours,


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March 2, 2015
Senator Clarence Nishihara,
Chair Transportation Committee

Testimony Supporting SB416

Aloha,
Hawaii Bicycling League **supports SB416**. This bill addresses two very important issues: establishing regulations for cycle tracks; and prohibiting mopeds from using bikeways (bike lanes, bike paths, cycle tracks).

Cycle tracks are exclusive bikeways that are physically separated from motor traffic and distinct from the sidewalk. This “new” type of bikeway facility has been in use in Northern Europe since the 1960s and has grown in use and popularity in the US over the last decade. Cycle tracks are essential to get the “interested, but concerned” population out bicycling; this group makes up the around 60% of people who say they would like to bicycle but need a protected environment, such as a cycle track or bike path. In December, Honolulu became the 56th US city with a cycle track with the opening of King Street. SB416 will clearly integrate this new type of facility into our laws.

The average bicyclist rides 10-15mph. A standard moped is equipped to operate at a speed of 35 miles per hour, with many modified to go faster. At 2.5 to 3.5 times the speed of the average bicyclists, mopeds have no business in bikeways. This large speed difference creates serious safety issues. The primary rationale for bikeways is to remove slower moving bicyclists from the faster moving roadway traffic; allowing fast moving mopeds in bikeways violates this fundamental objective. In addition to the risk mopeds present to bicyclists, these risks are even graver for the slower moving pedestrians who legally use bikeways in several settings (on bike paths and when a sidewalk is not available). SB416 is needed to make our bikeways safer.

Thank you very much for considering the comments of the Hawaii Bicycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Chad Taniguchi (808-735-5756, chad@hbl.org) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, daniel@hbl.org).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

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SB416

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