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The Hon. Henry J.C. Aquino
Chair
House Committee on Transportation

The Hon. Sean Quinlan
Vice-Chair
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Chair Aquino and Vice-Chair Quinlan:

On behalf of Polaris, thank you for bringing HB 2398 to the Committee today and for allowing Polaris the opportunity to speak to it. HB 2398 is simply a corrections bill for a measure that this Committee sent to the floor last year and that was ultimately enacted in law.

Last year's bill – HB 1258 – created the “autocycle” category within Hawaii’s motor vehicle code, defining autocycles as motorcycles with three wheels, non-straddle seats, and a steering wheel, and set safety standards for both riders and distributors. One of those standards was a requirement that the rider possess a valid type 3 driver’s license – an ordinary passenger car license, not a motorcycle license.

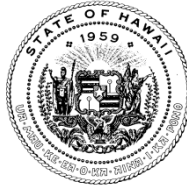
However, when the language specifying a type 3 license was added to the bill, it unfortunately cited to section 286-102(b)(2) of the code, which is the motorcycle license provision. The citation should have been to section 286-102(3). HB 2398 will correct that citation, ensuring that Hawaiians with type 3 licenses can operate autocycles, as intended.

I thank you for your hard work last year and for your help this year in making sure that the code makes these innovative, exciting vehicles as accessible to Hawaiians and visitors as you intended them to be, and I look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

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H.B. 2398
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **supports** H.B. 2398 relating to transportation.

It was the intent of the 2016 legislative session regarding Act 216 to permit individuals who possess a valid category 3 driver's license to operate an auticycle on Hawaii's public streets, roads, and highways.

Therefore, this housekeeping measure will appropriately align the legislative intent of Act 216 and the driver's licensing requirement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.