

SB2099 SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.
Report Title: Transportation; Autocycles; Driver's License
Description: Amends definition of "autocycle". Changes driver's licensing requirement for operation of autocycles. (SD1)
Companion:
Package: None
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The Hon. Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection and Health

The Hon. Jill N. Tokuda
Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection and Health

Chair Baker and Vice-Chair Tokuda:

On behalf of Polaris, thank you for bringing SB 2099 SD 1 to the Committee today and for allowing Polaris the opportunity to speak to it. SB 2099 SD1 is simply a corrections bill for a measure from last year 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). SB 2099 SD1 will correct that citation and add language regarding autocycle licensure to section 286-102, 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 last year’s legislation intended them to be, and I look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

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