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IN REPLY REFER TO:

STATE OF HAWAII
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10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 211

S.B. 2854
RELATING TO MOPEDS

Senate Committee on Judiciary
and
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports S.B. 2854 relating to mopeds. This bill establishes a fine not to exceed \$100 for moped owners who fail to comply with moped registration requirements.

DOT believes that higher registration compliance for all vehicles will benefit the system as a whole. All vehicles should be in the data base and all vehicle owners should pay their fair share of fees that are dedicated to the operation and maintenance of the system.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**TESTIMONY OF
LARRY S VERAY
TO
COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY AND WAYS AND MEANS
ON SB 2854
FEBRUARY 19, 2018**

Aloha, Chairs Taniguchi and Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means. The Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 is in total support of SB 2854. Our board previously passed and forwarded our board resolution requesting both the State and City to develop legislation to control excessive moped noise, add license plates to mopeds to allow citizen reporting on those moped drivers with loud exhausts; and registration of all mopeds. I wanted to personally report to your committees that the new moped legislation is working and our community has seen and heard the noise reduction but regrettably there are still those moped drivers who will not follow the new law. We support establishing a fine not to exceed \$100 for moped operators who fail to register their moped and meet the State's registration requirements. If this legislation is enacted, I firmly believe the Honolulu Police Department coupled with the citizen reporting on moped violators of this law will help reduce loud moped exhaust noise and control these vehicles on our roadways but for too long were out of control. We greatly appreciate your support in passing SB 2854.

Very respectfully,

Larry S. Veray

Chair, Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21

Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group

February 20, 2018

Dear Chairs Taniguchi and Dela Cruz, and Members of
the Committees on Judiciary and on Ways and Means:

Thank you for taking the time to address moped issues. On behalf of the Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group (MNMWG), we **support SB 2854**. Formed on Oahu in 2015, the MNMWG's goal is to mitigate excessive moped noise in our communities.

This bill will improve the effectiveness of the moped registration process by making the current law enforceable through fines for moped owners who do not comply with Section 249-14.1 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. This bill corrects an oversight in Act 200 of 2016, which established regulations for moped registration and safety inspection. Through these regulations, we have already seen a decrease in the amount of excessive noise from mopeds in our communities. We expect the registration process will also provide other benefits, such as the reduction and/or recovery of stolen mopeds.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions, please contact MNMWG2016@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Tim Streitz
Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group