



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 2, 2019

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1310**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 2, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

HB812 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC  
BICYCLES.  
**ACT 208 (19)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§291C- Low-speed electric bicycles; operator age. No  
5 person under the age of fifteen shall operate a low-speed  
6 electric bicycle as defined under title 15 United States Code  
7 section 2085."

8 SECTION 2. Section 249-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended by amending the definition of "bicycle" to read as  
10 follows:

11 "Bicycle" means [every]:

12 (1) A device propelled solely by human power upon which  
13 any person may ride, having two tandem wheels sixteen  
14 inches in diameter or greater, and including any  
15 device generally recognized as a bicycle though  
16 equipped with two front or two rear wheels[-]; or

17 (2) A low-speed electric bicycle, as defined under title  
18 15 United States Code section 2085."



1 SECTION 3. Section 249-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§249-14 Bicycle fee. (a) Bicycles having two tandem  
4 wheels that are twenty inches or more in diameter are required  
5 to be registered and shall be subject to a permanent  
6 registration fee of \$15, to be paid by the owners thereof to the  
7 director of finance.

8 (b) A low-speed electric bicycle, as defined under title  
9 15 United States Code section 2085, shall be required to be  
10 registered, and shall be subject to a permanent registration fee  
11 of \$30, to be paid by the owners thereof to the director of  
12 finance.

13 [~~(b)~~] (c) An owner of a bicycle having two tandem wheels  
14 that are less than twenty inches in diameter is not required to  
15 register that bicycle, but may do so to facilitate the return of  
16 recovered stolen bicycles by payment of the registration fee.  
17 The fee collected shall not be refunded or prorated. Upon  
18 receipt of the fee, the director of finance shall number and  
19 register each bicycle for which the fee is paid, in the owner's  
20 name, and furnish the owner with a metallic tag or decal for  
21 each bicycle, which shall be attached to the bicycle. The decal



1 shall be affixed to a bicycle on the upright post attached to  
2 the sprocket facing in the forward direction. Upon initial  
3 registration by an owner or transferee, the director of finance  
4 shall require proof of ownership and require the owner to  
5 furnish verification of the serial number and description  
6 contained in the proof of ownership and application for  
7 registration. The metallic tags or decals shall be in a form as  
8 the director of finance shall from time to time prescribe. It  
9 shall be the duty of the director of finance of each county to  
10 purchase a sufficient number of these tags or decals.

11 [~~e~~] (d) All fees collected under this section shall be  
12 deposited into the bikeway fund and shall be expended in the  
13 county in which the fees are collected as provided in section  
14 249-17.5."

15 SECTION 4. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended by amending the definition of "bicycle" to read as  
17 follows:

18 "Bicycle" means [every]:

19 (1) A device propelled solely by human power upon which  
20 any person may ride, having two tandem wheels sixteen  
21 inches in diameter or greater, and including any



1 device generally recognized as a bicycle though  
 2 equipped with two front or two rear wheels[-]; or  
 3 (2) A low-speed electric bicycle, as defined under title  
 4 15 United States Code section 2085."

5 SECTION 5. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 6 amended by amending the definition of "bicycle" to read as  
 7 follows:

8 "Bicycle" means [~~every~~]:

- 9 (1) A vehicle propelled solely by human power upon which  
 10 any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, and  
 11 including any vehicle generally recognized as a  
 12 bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear  
 13 wheels except a toy bicycle[-]; or  
 14 (2) A low-speed electric bicycle, as defined under title  
 15 15 United States Code section 2085."

16 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

APPROVED this 02 day of JUL, 2019



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 812, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

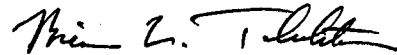
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

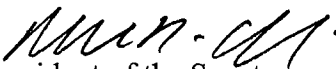



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 30, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate