
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU PROHIBIT
ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND ELECTRIC TRIKES
ON SIDEWALKS.

1 WHEREAS, electric scooters, electric bicycles, and three-
2 wheeled electric trikes have become widely available for
3 personal transportation and very popular with commercial tour
4 operators and are often ridden on Oahu's sidewalks where they
5 mix with pedestrians and motorists; and
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7 WHEREAS, while electric scooters, electric bicycles, and
8 electric trikes are convenient, affordable, and more
9 environmentally-friendly than automobiles, they are a safety
10 hazard when ridden on sidewalks; and
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12 WHEREAS, electric scooters, electric bicycles, and electric
13 trikes can weigh more than forty pounds and can be upgraded with
14 additional motors that allow the devices to reach speeds of
15 eighteen miles per hour, which is nearly six times faster than
16 the average walking speed of a person; and
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18 WHEREAS, electric scooters, electric bicycles, and electric
19 trikes can seriously injure or kill pedestrians in a collision
20 and operators of these devices are at risk from motorists who do
21 not expect a small, quiet, and fast-moving motorized device to
22 appear in pedestrian rights-of-way; and
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24 WHEREAS, in 2003, the Legislature passed Act 180, which
25 defines an "electric personal assistive mobility device" as a
26 self-balancing, two-wheeled, non-tandem-wheeled device, designed
27 to transport only one person, using an electric propulsion
28 system that limits the maximum speed of the device to twelve and
29 one-half miles per hour or less; and
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1 WHEREAS, Act 180 states that unless otherwise prohibited or
2 regulated by a county ordinance, electric personal assistive
3 mobility devices may be operated on sidewalks at a speed no
4 greater than eight miles per hour and on bicycle paths in the
5 State; and

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7 WHEREAS, many electric scooters and electric bicycles are
8 allowed on sidewalks and bike paths as electric personal
9 assistive mobility devices in the absence of county regulations
10 and, although three-wheeled electric trikes do not necessarily
11 fall within this definition, they are frequently used by
12 individuals and tour operators on pedestrian paths; and

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14 WHEREAS, within the past several years, pedestrians and
15 motorists have expressed safety concerns to policymakers about
16 the increasing number of individuals and tour operators riding
17 electric scooters, electric bicycles, and electric trikes on
18 sidewalks and bike paths; and

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20 WHEREAS, because of safety risks to pedestrians, motorists,
21 and operators of electric scooters, electric bicycles, and
22 electric trikes, these devices should be prohibited on sidewalks
23 and bike paths; and

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25 WHEREAS, policymakers must balance the advantages of
26 useful, emerging mobility device technology with public safety,
27 particularly in crowded transportation environments such as
28 Oahu's business districts and urban core; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
31 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
32 Representatives concurring, that the City and County of
33 Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Department of
34 Transportation Services, and state Department of Transportation
35 are requested to work with the Honolulu City Council to prohibit
36 the operation of electric scooters, electric bicycles, and
37 electric trikes on sidewalks through county-level ordinances;
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu Department of
41 Transportation Services is requested to submit a report of its
42 findings and recommendations for regulation of electric



1 scooters, electric bicycles, and electric trikes, including any
2 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
3 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
7 Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
8 Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council, Chief of the Honolulu
9 Police Department, and Director of Transportation Services.

