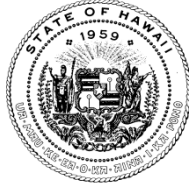


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**S.B. 2995, S.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO ELECTRIC FOOT SCOOTERS**

Senate Committee on Judiciary

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The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 2995, S.D. 1, which establishes a framework for the regulation of electric foot scooters by the State and counties. Amends definitions of "moped" to exclude electric foot scooters.

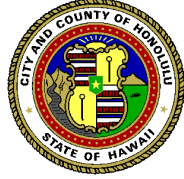
As the use of micro-mobility devices grow, the State of Hawaii will continue to work with the four counties as they evaluate and prioritize this new and alternative form of transportation to ensure safe and equitable usage on our facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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12:00 PM

**IN SUPPORT OF  
SB 2995, SD 1 – RELATING TO ELECTRIC FOOT SCOOTERS**

Chair Rhoads, Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Transportation Services is in strong support of this measure that introduces electric foot scooters into the Statewide Traffic Code and other applicable sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Electric foot scooters and other micromobility options have enormous potential to be a solution to reducing transportation costs, vehicle congestion on our roads, dependence on fossil fuels, and pollutants and harmful emissions. These vehicles are also a good option for first-mile/last-mile connections for many who use public transit as a primary mode of transportation. We are seeing electric foot scooters on our roads more frequently now, and it is time to adopt the necessary statutes to appropriately regulate these vehicles. Without this bill, this viable transportation solution will remain illegal.

In addition to allowing for the use of these new vehicle types in Hawaii and establishing minimum standards, we appreciate that this bill affords each county the ability to further regulate scooters within the statewide framework in a manner that suits the respective counties. As our agency is responsible for providing a multimodal transportation system for the City and County of Honolulu, this measure will enable us to incorporate shared fleets into our system.

Thank you for consideration of this measure and for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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TO: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Lauren Urhausen, Regional Director, External Affairs  
Skip Transport, Inc.

**RE: SB2995 SD1 RELATING TO ELECTRIC FOOT SCOOTERS - SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

Establishes a framework for the regulation of electric foot scooters by the State and counties. Amends definitions of "moped" to exclude electric foot scooters.

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

Skip thanks you for your dedication to micromobility and providing new means of transportation to get around. Data shows that giving communities more transportation options make it easier than ever for people to make environmentally-friendly transportation choices and help cities meet their environmental impact goals.

As the stresses of fleet use on dockless scooters have become more properly understood, Skip has found it necessary to develop a scooter with more robust components and features. Designed with safety and sustainability as top goals, the S3 scooter has better sensors, better lights (rear and front), a swappable battery, and a lower center of gravity creating not only the smoothest scooter ride but also the safest. These design enhancements, which we believe will vastly improve rider safety and the long-term sustainability of the shared scooter, have also increased the weight of the final design to be over 50lbs.

Skip respectfully suggests that SB2995 SD1 include a provision for scooters to be inspected and approved on a case by case basis, with no defined weight restriction. This gives discretion to the local regulating agency to ensure that vehicles that are deployed meet their safety criteria and sustainability goals.



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**Ulupono Initiative supports SB 2995 SD 1, Relating to Electric Foot Scooters.**

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

My name is Amy Hennessey, and I am the Senior Vice President of Communications & External Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve our community's quality of life by creating more locally produced food; increasing affordable clean renewable energy and transportation options; and better managing waste and fresh water resources.

**Ulupono supports SB 2995 SD 1**, which establishes a framework for the regulation of electric foot scooters by the State and the counties.

Ulupono supports the State's efforts to meet renewable energy goals and promote clean transportation. Ground transportation makes up a significant portion of Hawai'i's reliance on imported oil and the largest contributor to our State's greenhouse gas emissions. Ulupono supports the use of alternative modes of transportation, such as a well-managed electric scooter regulatory framework that can be a clean, viable option for short distance trips.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Amy Hennessey, APR  
Senior Vice President, Communications & External Affairs

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