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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOISE POLLUTION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that noise pollution is a  
2 serious problem affecting quality of life, particularly in urban  
3 areas. Internal combustion engine mopeds with factory mufflers  
4 are often many times louder than larger motorcycles that have  
5 greater engine displacement and robust exhaust baffles, and they  
6 continue to be a cause for concern in communities throughout the  
7 State.

8           The legislature further finds that internal combustion  
9 engine mopeds are significant contributors to noise pollution,  
10 often having higher noise levels than vehicles and detrimentally  
11 affecting communities. Internal combustion engine mopeds can be  
12 up to twenty decibels louder than electric mopeds.  
13 Additionally, the broad deployment of charging infrastructure is  
14 not an impediment to the adoption of electric mopeds because  
15 electric moped batteries can be easily removed and charged  
16 inside a residence or workplace.



1           The purpose of this Act is to prohibit retailers from  
2 selling or offering for sale any combustion engine-powered moped  
3 unless the moped was initially purchased in a consumer  
4 transaction before January 1, 2026.

5           SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
7 designated and to read as follows:

8           "§286-           Sale of certain combustion engine-powered mopeds  
9 prohibited; penalties. (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, no  
10 retailer shall sell or offer for sale any combustion engine-  
11 powered moped that the retailer initially purchased after  
12 December 31, 2025.

13           (b) This section shall not be construed to prohibit any  
14 individual or retailer from reselling, renting, or offering for  
15 resale or rent a combustion engine-powered moped that was  
16 initially purchased in a consumer transaction before January 1,  
17 2026.

18           (c) Any person who violates this section shall be fined no  
19 more than \$1,000 for each separate offense. Each moped sold or  
20 offered for sale in violation of this section shall constitute a  
21 separate offense.

1        (d) For purposes of this section, "retailer" means a  
2 person or entity that engages in the business of selling mopeds  
3 to consumers."

4        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



# S.B. NO. 2741

**Report Title:**

Combustion Engine-powered Mopeds; Sale; Prohibition; Penalty

**Description:**

Prohibits retailers from selling or offering for sale certain combustion engine-powered mopeds beginning 1/1/2026.

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