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H.B. 822
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES

House Committee on Transportation

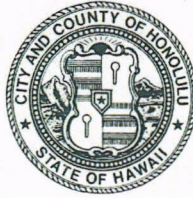
The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** H.B. 822, which requires that motorcycles receive safety inspections once every 10 years instead of once every 12 months. Requires the Director of Transportation to adopt rules to increase to \$75 the inspection fee for motorcycles. Establishes a 2—year moratorium on motorcycle certificates of inspection requirements.

Due to safety concerns, the DOT recommends that current inspection periods remain unchanged from the current time periods and durations. However, we will support allowing new motorcycles to start inspections two years after purchase to be consistent with motor vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 7, 2023

The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 312
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Todd and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 822, Relating to Motor Vehicles

I am Stason Tanaka, Acting Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes House Bill No. 822, Relating to Motor Vehicles.

The HPD opposes this bill that would allow motorcycles to be inspected once every ten years instead of once every twelve months.


Permitting motorcycles to be safety inspected once every ten years may lead to an increase in motorists operating their vehicles without updated insurance. The law may also encourage motorists to make modifications to their vehicles that do not necessarily meet the Department of Transportation's safety standards; therefore, resulting in an increase of unlawful vehicles on roadways for a longer period of time.

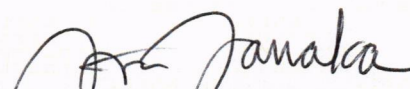
The HPD urges you to oppose House Bill No. 822, Relating to Motor Vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,


RD Arthur J. Logan
Chief of Police


Stason Tanaka, Acting Major
Traffic Division

HB-822

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 3:01:38 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/7/2023 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ray Pagan	Street Bikers United	Support	In Person

Comments:

Yes I am supporting HB822

February 6, 2023



Michael Ferreira
State Legislative Chair
Street Biker's United,
Oahu, Hawaii

RE: HB 822- RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES

POSITION:

We are in support of the Bill with amendments. Motorcycles have components that need to be replaced on a more regular basis than cars. Motorcycles are also more likely to be repaired after an accident without being declared a "Total Loss". Tire wear is higher than a car, lights and turning signals are the most exposed on a motorcycle and most prone to damage from tip-overs and accidents. While a yearly inspection; especially new motorcycles is excessive, a shorter term of five years than the proposed ten years is appropriate.

An expanded period for motorcycle inspections does not provide for a more expansive inspection so no further inspection time is warranted. However, due to inflation the fee to inspect motorcycles should be increased approximately 47% to \$25.00

THEREFORE:

Section 286-26 HRS Amend SECTION 1. to read "Motorcycles shall be certified as provided in subsection (e) once every FIVE years."

Amend SECTION 2. Subsection (1) To read "Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to require motor vehicle inspectors to charge an inspection fee of not less than **\$25** for motorcycles.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

HB-822

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 8:44:23 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/7/2023 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE: I believe it is important for all vehicles, operating on our county and state roadways to be properly inspected on a yearly basis. The unintended consequences may be more mechanically related motor vehicle crashes. Can the writers of this bill elaborate on the reason for the changes?

HB-822

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 4:03:13 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/7/2023 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pancho Owens	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill and ask for the legislature to please support it. This makes sense for both the administration as well as the motorcycle owner/driver/citizen.

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HB-822

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 6:48:05 PM
Testimony for TRN on 2/7/2023 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pete Tingstrom	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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