
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO WORK WITH THE HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AGAINST ILLEGAL ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND DIRT BIKE MOTORCYCLES TO MAKE SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC ROADWAYS SAFER.

1 WHEREAS, electric bicycles have become widely available for
2 personal transportation and popular with commercial tour
3 operators; and

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5 WHEREAS, while electric bicycles are more convenient and
6 affordable than automobiles, they are a safety hazard when
7 ridden on sidewalks and in the middle of traffic lanes; and

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9 WHEREAS, riders make illegal and dangerous modifications of
10 electric bicycles with an aftermarket delimiter that allows bike
11 to reach speeds of thirty miles per hour, which is nearly ten
12 times faster than the average walking speed of a person; and

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14 WHEREAS, electric bicycles can seriously injure pedestrians
15 in a collision and operators of these devices are at risk from
16 motorists who do not expect a small, silent, and motorized
17 device riding right next to fast-moving vehicles; and

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19 WHEREAS, within the past several years, law enforcement
20 agencies have received complaints of unlicensed minors driving
21 dirt bike motorcycles recklessly at high speeds on public
22 roadways and in public parks; and

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24 WHEREAS, public outreach and stricter enforcement against
25 unlawful use of electric bicycles and dirt bike motorcycles are
26 crucial to making our roads safer; now, therefore,

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H.C.R. NO. 59

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the City and County
4 of Honolulu is urged to work with the Honolulu Department of
5 Transportation Services and the Honolulu Police Department to
6 increase enforcement efforts against illegal electric bicycles
7 and dirt bike motorcycles to make sidewalks and public roadway
8 safer; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Honolulu Department of
11 Transportation Services is requested to create and implement a
12 public education and media outreach program to help riders of
13 all ages and experience levels learn best practices for safely
14 riding an electric bicycle or dirt bike motorcycle and adherence
15 to traffic laws; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Honolulu Department of
18 Transportation Services is requested to submit a report on the
19 progress made in implementing a public education and media
20 outreach program to the Legislature no later than twenty days
21 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
25 and County of Honolulu, Councilmembers of the Honolulu City
26 Council, Director of Transportation Services, Director of
27 Transportation, and Chief of the Honolulu Police Department.
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