
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO WORK WITH 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 are 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 often make illegal and dangerous
10 modifications of electric bicycles with an aftermarket delimiter
11 that allows electric bicycles to reach speeds of thirty miles
12 per hour, which is nearly ten times faster than the average
13 walking speed of a person; and

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

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

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25 WHEREAS, public outreach and stricter enforcement against
26 unlawful use of electric bicycles and dirt bike motorcycles are
27 crucial to making the State's roads safer; now, therefore,
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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 Department of
4 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu is
5 urged to work with the Honolulu Police Department to increase
6 enforcement efforts against illegal electric bicycles and dirt
7 bike motorcycles to make sidewalks and public roadway safer; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Department of Transportation
10 Services of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to
11 create and implement a public education and media outreach
12 program to help riders of all ages and experience levels learn
13 best practices for safely riding an electric bicycle or dirt
14 bike motorcycle and adhere to traffic laws; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Department of Transportation
17 Services of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to
18 submit a report its progress in implementing a public education
19 and media outreach program to the Legislature no later than
20 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
21 2025; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
25 Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
26 Councilmembers of the Honolulu City Council, Director of the
27 Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of
28 Honolulu, and Chief of the Honolulu Police Department.

