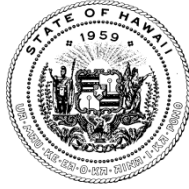


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H.B. 1162 H.D. 2
RELATING TO MOTORCYCLE INSTRUCTION PERMITS

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports H.B. 1162 H.D. 2**, which requires that all applicants for a motorcycle instruction permit to successfully complete a basic motorcycle rider course approved by the HDOT before becoming eligible for the permit.

According to HDOT crash data from 2020 through 2024 there were 136 motorcycle related fatalities of those 34 percent or 46 were reported as not having a valid motorcycle endorsement.

Basic rider courses, equip motorcycle operators with the skills and understanding of what factors increase and decrease motorcycle crash risk within a safe and controlled environment. Requiring the completion of a basic rider course will ensure motorcycle riders can properly operate and handle a motorcycle in various conditions, understand common laws and rules of the road, understand basic safety mechanics of their bike, and acquiring practice hours and skills to safely pass a motorcycle skills test for them to receive a motorcycle endorsement.

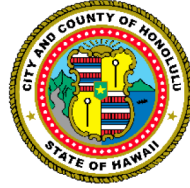
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation
and Culture and the Arts
State Capitol, Conference Room 224
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Senate Committee on
Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

**SUBJECT: H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2 - Relating To Motorcycle Instruction
Permits**

HEARING: Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD),
Division of Motor Vehicle Registration (DMV), respectfully offers comments to
H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2, relating to motorcycle instruction permits for your committee's
consideration.

Pursuant to Section 6-402 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of
Honolulu, CSD DMV administers the motor vehicle driver licensing program for the
island of O'ahu.

Section 1 of H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2 requires, starting on July 1, 2026, all
applicants for a motorcycle instruction permit to successfully complete a basic
motorcycle rider course approved by the Hawai'i Department of Transportation before
becoming eligible for a motorcycle instruction permit.

CSD DMV appreciates the intent of the proposed legislation to improve traffic safety for motorcycle riders and all other roadway users by requiring a basic motorcycle rider course approved by the Hawai'i Department of Transportation prior to receiving a motorcycle instruction permit.

While CSD DMV supports efforts to enhance road safety, we appreciate the opportunity to express our concerns regarding potential impacts on our operations, including:

- **Implementation Timeline:** CSD DMV will require a reasonable and adequate amount of time to initiate communications and coordinate efforts with the Hawai'i Department of Transportation; the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Information Technology; and the counties of Hawai'i, Kaua'i, and Maui, regarding implementation of the proposed legislation. Given the number of stakeholders involved and the necessary coordination of efforts among these stakeholders to properly implement the proposed legislation, we have significant concerns regarding the feasibility of the stated July 1, 2026 implementation date in Section 1 of the proposed measure.
- **Verification Process:** If the Hawai'i Department of Transportation approves and certifies new required basic motorcycle rider course(s), the counties will require access to information and updated lists of approved course(s) to confirm that an applicant has successfully completed the required course(s).
- **Administrative and Technical Adjustments:** CSD DMV will be required to update its administrative procedures and pertinent information technology systems to verify basic motorcycle rider course completion, which could increase motorcycle instruction permit processing times.

CSD DMV requires additional time to research and assess implementation requirements. CSD DMV will be required to work with the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Information Technology, to implement all necessary information technology requirements. CSD DMV and the Department of Information Technology will also be required to work the counties of Hawai'i, Kaua'i, and Maui to coordinate the implementation of all necessary administrative procedures and updates to the counties' information technology systems. CSD DMV has significant concerns regarding the feasibility of completing the required planning and implementation of the necessary administrative and technical adjustments by the stated July 1, 2026 implementation date in Section 1 of the proposed measure.

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- **Customer Service Considerations:** Additional inquiries and longer wait times may result as motorcycle instruction permit applicants navigate new motorcycle instruction permit processes and requirements.

CSD DMV requires additional time to assess the need for additional staffing, information technology and other resources to provide customers with the proposed additional services in a timely and acceptable manner.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2.

Sincerely,



Kimberly M. Hashiro
Director