
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOW
MOPEDS CAN BE MADE SAFER, QUIETER, AND LESS LIKELY TO BE
USED FOR ILLEGAL PURPOSES.

1 WHEREAS, mopeds represent an economical alternative, or
2 supplement, to transportation by automobile or even motorcycle
3 for students, young adults, those with limited income, and those
4 concerned about the environment; and

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6 WHEREAS, mopeds and their riders are not subject to the
7 same regulation as automobiles or motorcycles and their drivers;
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10 WHEREAS, two moped riders died on Oahu's roads in 2007,
11 seven moped drivers died on Oahu's roads in 2006, and eight
12 moped drivers died on Oahu's roads in 2005, compared to one in
13 2004 and none in 2003; and

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15 WHEREAS, parking for mopeds, especially in urban areas, is
16 very limited and parked mopeds often obstruct all or part of
17 pedestrian sidewalks adjacent to authorized moped parking areas;
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20 WHEREAS, speed governors on mopeds can, and often are,
21 disabled or modified such that the moped, including some in
22 commercial rental fleets, can be operated at speeds in excess of
23 what is safe and legal; and

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25 WHEREAS, the exhaust system on mopeds can, and often is,
26 modified such that the moped is more powerful but much noisier
27 than designed or legal; and

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29 WHEREAS, some moped owners, because of limited means, do
30 not maintain the exhaust and other systems on their mopeds such
31 that the moped is noisier than designed or legal or produces
32 more exhaust than is legal; and



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2 WHEREAS, mopeds, because of their relatively small size,
3 are easily stolen and Honolulu, the nation's fifty-third largest
4 metropolitan area, leads the nation in motorcycle and moped
5 thefts; and

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7 WHEREAS, mopeds, again because of their relatively small
8 size and affordability, are increasingly used by drug dealers to
9 make pickups and deliveries and can be maneuvered away from
10 police in tight spaces, or abandoned if need be; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
14 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
15 Transportation is requested to convene a task force for the
16 purpose of determining how the advantages of mopeds can be
17 maximized, the disadvantages minimized, and necessary
18 legislation be identified; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be chaired by
21 the Director of Transportation and consist of the following
22 members:

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24 (1) The Chief of Police and Director of Finance, or other
25 official responsible for motor vehicle licensing and
26 registration, from the City and County of Honolulu;
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28 (2) One representative of the moped sales industry, to be
29 appointed by the Governor;
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31 (3) One representative of the moped rental industry, to be
32 appointed by the Governor;
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34 (4) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
35 Senate President;
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37 (5) One member of the House of Representatives, to be
38 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
39 Representatives; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
42 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
43 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior
44 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, the Mayor, the Chief of police, and the Director of Finance of the City and County of Honolulu, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor.

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