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**H.B. 1162, H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO MOTORCYCLE INSTRUCTION PERMITS**

House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports H.B. 1162, H.D. 1**, which requires that all applicants for a motorcycle instruction permit to successfully complete a basic motorcycle rider course approved by the Department of Transportation before becoming eligible for the permit.

The DOT respectfully requests the following change to this measure:

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 286-110 (d) be revised to - "A person who is not licensed to operate the category of motor vehicles to which the driving training course applies shall not operate a motor vehicle in connection with the driving training course without a valid temporary instruction permit unless it is a motorcycle, motor scooter or moped as defined in Hawaii Revised Statute 286-2 that is being used for training purposes on an enclosed State certified training range as defined in HAR 19-123-255."

This will allow for the potential rider to use a motorcycle, motor scooter or moped while completing the required practical rider skills portion of the training course.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 19, 2025

The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair  
The Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
and Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the House Committee  
on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs,

SUBJECT: H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 1 - Relating To Motorcycle Instruction  
Permits

HEARING: Thursday, February 20, 2025, 2:00 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. 1, 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.

H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 1 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.

- **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. 1.

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Hashiro  
Director Designate

**HB-1162-HD-1**

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Testimony for JHA on 2/20/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ruth Love	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a nurse who worked 35 years in the emergency department, and seeing the possible results of inappropriate motorcycle use involving either trauma or death, I hope that a motorcycle safety course will improve the injury/death rate here.

I also ride but I was fortunate enough to take a Motor Safety Foundation or MSF class at the local community College.

Please pass this bill. If they really want to ride, they will take the class.

Thank you,

Mrs. Ruth Love