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Tuesday, March 25, 2025  
10:01 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 016 & Videoconference

**H.B. 1162 H.D. 2 S.D. 1  
RELATING TO MOTORCYCLE INSTRUCTION PERMITS**

Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports with comments** **H.B. 1162 H.D. 2 S.D. 1**, 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.

The HDOT respectfully requests the following change to this measure:

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 286-110 (b) be revised to - "(b) No person shall be issued a motorcycle instruction permit unless the person successfully completes a basic motorcycle rider course approved by the department of transportation."

Under, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 19-123-250, the HDOT already works partnership with a representative from a county examiner of drivers, to view and approve basic motorcycle curriculum.

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.

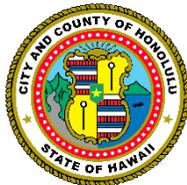
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March 24, 2025

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

**SUBJECT: H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 - Relating To Motorcycle Instruction Permits**  
**HEARING: Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 10:01 a.m.**

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD), Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), respectfully offers comments to H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2, S.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.

Section 1 of H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2, S.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 Hawaii Department of Transportation before becoming eligible for a motorcycle instruction permit.

Section 2 of H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 amends Section 286-110, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by requiring all applicants for a motorcycle instruction permit to successfully complete a basic motorcycle rider course approved by the Hawaii Department of Transportation and CSD DMV before becoming eligible for the 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 and CSD DMV 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 and CSD DMV approve 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).

CSD DMV would also recommend that each county's respective DMV approve new required basic motorcycle rider course(s) with the Hawai'i Department of Transportation, rather than CSD DMV approving on behalf of all the counties.

- **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. 2, S.D. 1.

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Hashiro  
Director



COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION-MAKING

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2025  
TIME: 10:01 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

From: Lisa Dau, RN, Injury Prevention Coordinator  
Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC)

**Testimony in Support of HB1162 HD2 SD1 Requiring a Basic Motorcycle Rider Course for Instruction Permits**

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Lisa Dau, and I am the Injury Prevention Coordinator for the Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition. The Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition's (KIPC) mission is to prevent and reduce injuries to children in Hawaii.

On behalf of KIPC, we strongly support this measure requiring motorcycle instruction applicants to complete a certified basic rider course. Proper training is essential for road safety, reducing accidents, and ensuring new riders develop the necessary skills before operating a motorcycle on public roads.

Mandatory training will:

- Improve road safety and reduce crashes.
- Lower motorcycle-related fatalities and injuries.
- Ensure riders understand traffic laws and defensive riding techniques.

This measure will make Hawaii's roads safer for all.

I urge your support HB1162 HD2 SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dau, RN, MBA, BSN, CPSTI  
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**HB-1162-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/21/2025 2:21:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2025 10:01:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frank Schultz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this initiative.