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February 4, 2009

Honorable Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Hawaii State House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol Building  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

## LATE TESTIMONY

**Subject:** HB1655, Mopeds –  
Description of Bill: Requires mopeds to have license plates, similar to motorcycles, as opposed to tags. Treats mopeds like motor vehicles instead of bicycles for registration purposes

Dear Chairperson Souki and Committee Members:

As an owner of a moped rental agency in Honolulu since November 2003, I am opposed to HB1655 since it will require mopeds to be licensed and registered as motorcycles. This will, in turn, require our rental clientele to possess a motorcycle operator's drivers license to rent a moped. If this is the case, our business will go bankrupt... seriously! I would say 99-percent of our clientele do not possess such a license; therefore, they only qualify to rent mopeds (otherwise they might rent motorcycles).

During these extraordinarily difficult economic times I respectfully request on behalf of my entire company and the moped rental (and sales) industry as a whole that you do NOT vote to support this bill as written. It will literally wipe out my business, I will neither be able to pay my mortgage nor comfortably support my family. PLEASE ASSIST... this is an urgent matter requiring your utmost consideration for the many livelihoods in the moped industry at stake here, not just mine.

Knowing that the State of Hawaii needs to increase tax revenues due to the current national, state, and local 'economic crisis,' please refrain from balancing the government's budget on the backs of small business like ours, so to speak. With one of the worst economic recessions

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since the Great Depression entering 'full swing', we, in the moped industry, are struggling to survive. With unemployment at one of the highest levels since the Depression, home sales down by 50-percent over the last year, automobile sales down 60-percent over the last year, 500,000 job cuts nationwide last month alone, local hotel occupancy rates dipping to their lowest levels since the terrorist attacks of September 2001 (9/11), we need your urgent support otherwise we will be closing our doors and asking for government hand outs ourselves.

For years, the moped—rental, sales, repair and parts supply—industry has provided significant tax contributions (ie, revenues) to the State of Hawaii. We want to continue to do this. However, with the passage of HB1655, we may need to close our doors.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Jack H. Gottlieb  
Owner – Operator

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 04, 2009 7:06 AM  
**To:** TRNtestimony  
**Cc:** azn\_808drftr@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1655 on 2/4/2009 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for TRN 2/4/2009 8:30:00 AM HB1655

LATE TESTIMONY

Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Chad Lance Aranca  
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Comments:

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2009

**LATE TESTIMONY**

**Comments:**  
pleas dont, thats my only transportation and i cant afford it.

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Joseph Weite  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2009

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**Comments:**

Please do not allow mopeds to be licensed like motorcycles. It is cheap and reliable transportation for many people without money to afford a car. I do want helmets for moped riders because too many get head trauma following an accident.

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2009

**LATE TESTIMONY**

**Comments:**

I Michael Williams have read bill # HB1655. I own a Moped. HB#1655 is Bad and unfair for many reason more then i can list. I am a hawaii resident and tax payer. I Strongly Oppose this BILL!.

I thank you for your time and hope you can understand how this is a flawed bill that should not proceed further.

Aloha

Michael Williams

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Kelly Kalinowsky  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2009

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I Kelly Kalinowsky have read bill # HB1655. I own a Moped. HB#1655 is Bad and unfair for many reason more then i can list. I am a hawaii resident and tax payer. I Strongly Oppose this BILL!.

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Aloha

Kelly Kalinowsky