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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION HEARING FEBRUARY 1, 2010 ROOM 325

## HOUSE BILL 2199 RELATING TO MOPEDS

Aloha Chair Souki and Committee Members,

House Bill 2199 is a long-needed measure *in the interests of the public health and welfare* which requires mopeds to be inspected annually, to display a certificate of inspection, and to be operated only with an exhaust system that meets "original manufacturer specifications," which should be more clearly defined as current, up-to-date emission regulations and noise abatement standards.

Given the present proliferation of this increasing noise pollution, altered muffler systems and continuing violations, it is recommended that the fine structure be made consistent with the fine structure provided in House Bill 2198, in order to serve as a more effective deterrent to continuing violations.

Please pass this long-needed bill for enactment into law in the interests of the public's health and welfare. Thank you for scheduling House Bill 2199 for hearing, and for your support of this important public-interest measure that will help improve the quality of life for all our citizens.

Sincerely,

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