A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 291-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- "(a) Every motorcycle and moped moving under its own power
- 4 on a public highway shall at all times be equipped with a
- 5 muffler in constant operation to prevent any excessive or
- 6 unusual noise and no such muffler or exhaust system shall be
- 7 equipped with a cutout, bypass, or similar device. No person
- 8 shall modify the exhaust system of a motorcycle or a moped, if
- 9 the moped is manufactured after December 31, 2015, in a manner
- 10 [which] that will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the
- 11 motor of [such] the motorcycle or moped above that emitted by
- 12 the muffler originally installed on the motorcycle or moped and
- 13 indicated on the label attached on the vehicle in accordance
- 14 with 40 Code of Federal Regulations section 205.158 except a
- 15 motorcycle or moped that:
- 16 (1) Has three wheels;
- 17 (2) Is powered by an electric motor;

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- 1 (3) Has a full body enclosed cab; and
- 2 (4) Has a seat belt assembly or a child restraint system
- for the driver and passenger;
- 4 shall not be required to be equipped with a muffler."
- 5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Transportation; Motorcycles; Mopeds; Mufflers; Noise Control

Description:

Clarifies the prohibition on the modification of the exhaust system of a motorcycle or moped that amplifies or increases the noise emitted by the muffler originally installed on the motorcycle or moped. Limits application to mopeds manufactured after 12/31/2015. Effective 1/1/2016.

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