

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOPEDS.

#### 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: 3 "(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 in a manner which will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the **10** motor of such motorcycle or moped above that emitted by the 11 muffler originally installed on the motorcycle or moped [except 12 a]. No person shall modify the exhaust system of a moped 13 manufactured after December 31, 2015, in a manner that will 14 amplify or increase the noise emitted by the moped above that 15 emitted by the original mufflers indicated on the label attached

to the moped in accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal

Regulations section 205.158. A motorcycle or moped that:

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1 (1) Has three wheels; 2 (2) Is powered by an electric motor; 3 (3) Has a full body enclosed cab; and (4)Has a seat belt assembly or a child restraint system 5 for the driver and passenger; 6 shall not be required to be equipped with a muffler." 7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016. **10** INTRODUCED BY:

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### Report Title:

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### Description:

Clarifies the prohibition on the modification of the exhaust system of a moped that amplifies or increases the noise emitted by the muffler originally installed on the moped. Effective January 1, 2016.

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