

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 715

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 715 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the use of alternative means of transportation by including bicycles powered by an electric motor in the definition of "bicycle," thereby allowing the use of electric bicycles on Hawaii's streets, sidewalks, and multi-use paths.

The Hawaii Bicycling League, Ebikes Hawaii, Bicycle Product Suppliers Association, PeopleForBikes, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Transportation supported the intent of this measure.

Hawaii is very dependent on imported oil for its energy needs. Encouraging different modes of transportation that use alternative energy can help to reduce oil dependence. Although bicycles are currently allowed to be operated on various types of pathways such as roads, trails, and sidewalks, bicycles powered by means other than human power, such as by an electric motor, are currently not allowed to be similarly operated. Your Committee finds that allowing these types of vehicles to be operated on various types of pathways in Hawaii may result in increased usage of this alternative means of transportation.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 715 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: <u>HB 715</u>	Committee Referral: <u>TRN, JUD</u>	Date: <u>02/18/2015</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
2. LOPRESTI, Matthew S. (VC)	X			
3. HAR, Sharon E.	X			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	X			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	X			
6. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	X			
7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	X			
8. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	X			
9. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	X			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	X			
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	X			
12. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				X
TOTAL (12)	11			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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