THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BICYCLE AND MOPED FEES.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that existing law
 requires bicycle and moped owners to pay a registration fee when
 purchasing a bicycle or moped. This fee is not refundable and
 burdens bicycle and moped owners who seek to return or exchange
 the bicycle or moped.

6 The purpose of this Act is to allow the registration fee7 for new bicycles and mopeds to be refundable or prorated.

8 SECTION 2. Section 249-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

10 An owner of a bicycle having two tandem wheels that "(C) 11 are less than twenty inches in diameter is not required to 12 register that bicycle, but may do so to facilitate the return of recovered stolen bicycles by payment of the registration fee. 13 The fee collected [shall not] may be refunded or prorated. Upon 14 receipt of the fee, the director of finance shall number and 15 16 register each bicycle for which the fee is paid, in the owner's name, and furnish the owner with a metallic tag or decal for 17



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1 each bicycle, which shall be attached to the bicycle. The decal shall be affixed to a bicycle on the upright post attached to 2 3 the sprocket facing in the forward direction. Upon initial 4 registration by an owner or transferee, the director of finance 5 shall require proof of ownership and require the owner to furnish verification of the serial number and description 6 7 contained in the proof of ownership and application for 8 registration. The metallic tags or decals shall be in a form as 9 the director of finance shall from time to time prescribe. It 10 shall be the duty of the director of finance of each county to 11 purchase a sufficient number of these tags or decals." 12 SECTION 3. Section 249-14.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 13 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: 14 "(b) The director of finance shall number and register the 15 moped in the owner's name in a permanent record or book to be 16 kept by the director of finance for this purpose, and shall 17 furnish the owner thereof with a receipt showing upon its face 18 the license number issued for the moped. The registration of 19 mopeds shall occur on a staggered basis as agreed upon by the 20 counties' director of finance. The registration fee shall be 21 \$27 per year. The fee collected may be refunded or prorated.



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1 The director of finance shall also furnish the owner, upon the original registration of the moped, one plate with the 2 3 registration number marked thereon. Upon the payment of a registration fee for each year, a tag or emblem bearing a serial 4 number and the month and year of expiration shall be provided to 5 the owner. Transfer of current number plates, tag, or emblem, 6 7 except as authorized by this chapter, is punishable by a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense." 8

9 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:** Bicycle; Moped; Registration; Fee; Refund

**Description:** Allows the registration fee for bicycles and mopeds to be refundable and prorated.

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