

Senate Bill 848 looks to raise the annual registration fee from \$27 up to \$100 and raise the emblem fee from .50 cents up to \$20. This means that a county could charge up to \$120 for an annual registration on a moped.

In the past, mopeds were classified as bicycles and only were charged a one time \$15 permanent registration fee. Legislation was eventually passed that required mopeds to be registered and receive annual safety checks. The current annual registration is less than \$40 a year. Which is still affordable for a typical person who buys a moped. Moped riders tend to be more budget friendly, have less disposable income, and are looking for an affordable mode of transportation. You can currently buy a new moped for \$800, so it's pretty high for the annual registration to potentially become up to \$120. I understand that the intent of the bill is to generate more revenue, but it does seem unfair considering the price and size of mopeds.

Ultimately, I hope you choose not to read SB848 because things are already expensive in Hawai'i, and tripling the annual fees makes things that much harder for the moped demographic, while delivering no additional benefits to our industry.

I appreciate your time.

Aloha!

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**SB-848**

Submitted on: 1/30/2023 11:46:58 PM

Testimony for TCA on 1/31/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Manabo Sato	Testifying for Moped Doctors Inc.	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Manabo Robert Sato and I am the general manager of Moped Doctors, a local Honolulu moped shop for 12 years .SB848 aims to increase the prices of essential moped registration and legal documents by such a large margin that it will badly hurt the cash strapped riders and owners and businesses that rely on mopeds for basic transportation and livelihood. To increase a reasonable \$27.50 to \$100 is nearly a 400 percent increase. The emblem fee going from 50 cents to \$20 is a 4000 percent increase. Increased fees to some extent as operating and material costs rise is understandable within reason but a four fold to forty fold increase is both unnecessary, excessive and quite frankly ridiculous. ESPECIALLY in light that the moped DMV at Kapalama Hale at the Dillingham Blvd dmv has cut its hours from Monday to Friday 8 hours a day to only Tuesday and Thursdays four hours a day. Moped owners and moped business owners will be paying way more yet are getting way less access and service times . This is simply unreasonable and unfair to all the people who ride mopeds in Hawaii, one of the very few affordable forms of legal personal transportation becoming way less affordable.For example, The extra \$72.50 proposed increase on moped registration is TEN tanks full of gas on a moped .We at Moped Doctors **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this bill and recommend it be shelved. A reasonable increase this is not.It is way too excessive. A far lesser amount if any increase at all would be better. Say 25 percent. Not 400 to 4000 percent which is what is being proposed.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gregory Hartney	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

As a Hawaii Resident, I made a decision to purchase a moped/scooter because of the high cost of living and higher cost of owning a car in Hawaii. This bill is yet another method or example that raises costs of low to middle class, working residents that already cant afford to buy a home or even rent a reasonable size apartment for their family. We have an issue of pricing residents out of and off the island, this is not going to help that issue. I also work for and represent a business, Hawaiian style rentals and sales, LLC. If these costs go into affect, it will only be passed onto the consumer which again, are our own residents. This cannot pass!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joe Shimkonis	Testifying for Mopeds Direct	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

With reference to HB848 it appears to be somewhat convulated with reference to staggered registrations as well as different fees for registrations; \$100 or \$20. Personally, I favor the current yearly registration fee of \$32.50 primarily because it requires a safety check. The safety check, in conjunction with a yearly registration, has almost snuffed out lthe existence of loud,modified mopeds as well as keeping a moped in proper running condition.

What I am in favor us is a mandatory GPS tracking device, a subscription free Airtag for iPhones or andriods, on all registered mopeds which can be part of a safety check procedure. We are already required to measure a moped's exhaust decibels and I feel this would deter theft and reduce state resources that can be used elsewhere. I estimate about 80% of moped theft are because the owner fails to lock it properly.

Thankyou for your time and consideration.

Aloha,

Joe Shimkonis  
Owner  
Mopeds Direct  
Safety Check Station 0-1915

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Submitted on: 1/30/2023 10:41:07 AM

Testimony for TCA on 1/31/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Zakkaiah Knowles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Raising the moped registration is not going to fix or help anything. Most people already hate waiting in line and paying the simple \$27.50 but now making it \$120 is going to make it really difficult for those who are using a moped because they cannot afford a car or don't have a place to park it such as myself. My moped is in my name but I do know people who will avoid the registration fee by not transferring the bike into their name and to stop this from happening you can not be raising the price. Instead, find an easier way to get mopeds registered or maybe some better staff. Mahalo for listening.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2023 11:05:22 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hadi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Increasing those fees that high would be ridiculous. Most moped owners around the island are college students that live paycheck to paycheck and every dollar counts! We already deal with the expensive standards of living on the island, totally unnecessary to high up our fees even on our moped registration!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Haught-Aliotti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am opposing this bill for numerous reasons. Firstly, mopeds are supposed to be a cheaper options of transportation and by raising the registration fee by close to \$80 more is absolutely ridiculous. Secondly, mopeds are a lot smaller than cars which cause less damage to roadways and take up less space and weight while out on the roads. Mopeds are also restricted to go over speeds of 35mph which means they cannot even go on all roadways. The people who will be effected the most from this bill will be students who are already dealing with financial difficulties and those who cannot afford cars. This is just another scheme to keep the poor poorer and does not effect those who have money. Lastly, we are still in a financial crisis throughout our country and by raising these prices will only make matters worse for those who are struggling with financial debt. We are tax paying citizens and do not deserve this extra debt.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph Rogers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii is already destroying the livelihoods of its residents with selfishly increasing the cost of living for personal gain. they need to be responsible with the money they already have before even considering taking more. This will do nothing more than hurt Residents of Hawaii even further when we are already struggling to make ends meet.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cecilia Kane-Recinos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

Raising the registration fees for mopeds to more than triple than what they currently are, I believe is a little excessive. When looking for a vehicle I chose one that would work financially work for me and paying \$27.50 a year was perfect. The new proposed cost of \$120 may not seem like a lot but for a working college student that is 2 weeks worth of groceries, rent, gas money, etc. It's important to look at the demographic of people that will be affected by this proposed bill. Most moped owners aren't the wealthiest and that's who you will be hurting.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2023 11:29:57 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Pitman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is insane to charge more for moped registrations. This would make mopeds too expensive to register and own. mopeds are far better than cars regarding road damage and reduce car ownership on the island. Please do not increase the cost of ownership.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2023 11:32:24 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Key	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an owner of several mopeds, this bill will greatly inconvenience me financially for a purpose which does not serve me in any way. Part of the reason for owning mopeds is to cut costs of fuel and maintenance, as well as registration costs and such. It is also good to own a moped to reduce emissions into the environment, create more space on roadways, and even to simply enjoy the sunshine (as opposed to a car). Raising costs for moped riders is a form of charging those who are in fact helpful in the world of transportation more to do so. This helps us in no way, and only puts more of a burden on us. If the government is hurting for money, consider taking a few billion dollars back from Ukraine or something instead of charging Americans more to live their daily lives, getting to and from work and family, supporting the American structure - especially here in Hawaii, where we are indeed set apart and blessed with the spirit of Aloha.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and God bless you all regardless of your decision on this bill.

Very respectfully,

David Key

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kenneth Cheng	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I personally do not own a moped and never did during my tenure on Oahu but all of my friends on island currently use their mopeds to commute to work and this bill would just add another unnecessary expense for them to use their vehicle in the state of Hawaii. I personally do not think this bill should be approved.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2023 11:47:10 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Jensen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have a moped, and raising the rates to almost triple what they were is outrageous. People have mopeds because they are cheap, fuel-efficient, and don't take a lot of money to keep registered or to take care of. Raising the rates to triple the price will hurt everyone's pocket. Raising the rates a bit may make sense but tripling the price is too much. Aloha.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2023 11:52:11 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin Kung	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I've owned a moped for the majority of my residency in Hawaii. Knowing the culture and the average income of Hawaiian residence it is straight up absurd to increase the registration fee to \$100 annual. Many locals and tourists rely on mopeds for their means of transportation, and this hike in the cost of entry/ownership would ruin the moped economy. I strongly oppose this bill and highly encourage others to follow suit.

**LATE**

S.B. 848

Here we go again! It's the start of the new legislative session. And that means the average moped rider will be thinking, "what anti-moped legislation are the legislators going to come up with this year?" Not shockingly, from the very elected officials who took an oath to serve the people who they represent. How is that possible when every time we turn around we are being confronted with bills such as S.B. 848? You want to raise the registration fees and the emblem fee? Why? And why only moped riders who already pay a disproportionately high registration fee as it is? Why are mopeds singled out for this increase? Why not bicycles, electric bicycles, motorcycles or cars, trucks and everything down the line? What is the purpose of registration fees? Is it to pay for the wear and tear on the roads we traverse on a daily basis? If that is the case, then where is the wear and tear done by a moped, as well as a bicycle or motorcycle? As I stated earlier, the fees are disproportionate for a moped as compared to a car. Raising them would make it even worse and more of a hardship on people who own mopeds. Honolulu is already one of the most expensive cities to live in. Please try to do your best to ease the hardship of living here and not make it more of a burden to do so. As you can tell, I most adamantly oppose S.B. 848 with the attempt to raise registration fees and emblem fees.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lucas Banks	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I work for a moped shop but also own a moped of my own, we have waited months for registration and it is ridiculous to be charging more for work that isn't getting done. Not to mention mopeds do little to no damage to the road, and are great on gas which is better for the environment. In my eyes this is clearly just a cash grab with no real reasoning behind it.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph Richard Somrak	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I hereby testify against bill SB848. Not only are mopeds affordable transportation for many of Honolulu's low-income residents, but the department of motor vehicles fails to even process moped registrations as is! It is absolutely lunatic of the city to disregard their cheaper citizens and request more money from them when they cannot even do their jobs efficiently as it stands!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jesse wytko	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mopeds are supposed to be affordable transportation for low income households. Tripling the cost of registration is only going to affect people of low income. Mopeds are only allowed on certain roadways so they aren't damaging anything that would need to be fixed by more government funding. As my main source of transportation I find this ridiculous when I have to wait months for my registration to even be processed.