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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that noise pollution is a
2 serious problem affecting mental health and quality of life,
3 particularly in urban areas. Internal combustion engine mopeds
4 are significant contributors to noise pollution, often having
5 higher noise levels than motorcycles with larger displacement
6 and robust exhaust baffles.

7 The legislature further finds that electric mopeds are much
8 cheaper to operate and maintain than internal combustion engine
9 mopeds. Additionally, the broad deployment of charging
10 infrastructure is not an impediment to the adoption of electric
11 mopeds because electric moped batteries can be easily removed
12 and charged inside a residence or workplace.

13 The legislature also finds that numerous jurisdictions
14 including in Asia, Europe, and Africa have already required the
15 transition from internal combustion engine mopeds to electric
16 mopeds.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require any
2 business established after January 1, 2026, that uses, rents, or
3 offers for rent mopeds in the course of their commercial
4 business, to use electric mopeds.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
7 and to read as follows:

8 "§286- Sale of certain combustion engine-powered mopeds
9 prohibited; penalties. (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, no newly
10 established business shall use, rent, or offer for rent any
11 combustion engine-powered moped.

12 (b) This section shall not be construed to prohibit any
13 business from reselling, renting, or offering for resale or rent
14 a combustion engine-powered moped if the business was
15 established before January 1, 2026.

16 (c) Any business who violates this section shall be fined
17 not more than \$1,000 for each separate offense. Each moped
18 used, rented, or offered for rent in violation of this section
19 shall constitute a separate offense.

20 (d) For the purposes of this section, "business" means a
21 person or entity that engages in the business of delivering



1 goods or services via moped or rents or offers for rent mopeds
2 to consumers."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 1118

Report Title:

Electric Mopeds; Businesses; Combustion Engines; Prohibition;
Penalties

Description:

Prohibits any business established after January 1, 2026, that uses, rents, or offers for rent mopeds in the course of their commercial business, from using a combustion engine-powered moped. Establishes penalties.

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