

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 932

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 958
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 958, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require all electric bicycles to be operated only with all wheels on the ground at all times, with certain exceptions;
- (2) Prohibit certain actions while operating an electric bicycle;
- (3) Prohibit the operation of high-speed electric devices in certain locations;
- (4) Require manufacturers and distributors to apply a label to electric bicycles;
- (5) Require distributors to place a sign at or near the point of sale regarding the minimum age to operate class 3 electric bicycles;



- (6) Define "electric bicycle" in place of "low-speed electric bicycle" and divide electric bicycles into three classes;
- (7) Define "electric micro mobility device" and apply the same regulations for electric foot scooters to electric micro mobility devices;
- (8) Prohibit a person under the age of sixteen from operating a class 3 bicycle;
- (9) Prohibit a person from riding a class 3 electric bicycle on a sidewalk;
- (10) Authorize a person to ride a class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle on a sidewalk at a speed not exceeding ten miles per hour;
- (11) Prohibit a person from operating a bicycle or electric foot scooter under the age of eighteen without a helmet;
- (12) Repeal the requirement that moped drivers use bicycle lanes; and
- (13) Substitute the word "motor drive cycle" with the word "motor scooter".

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition; Ulupono Initiative; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Honolulu Police Department; Hawai'i Bicycling League; Get Fit Kauai; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 958, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



