

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 705

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 19 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 1117  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1117, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the State's laws regarding electric bicycles, electric motorcycles, and motor scooters.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Renames, expands eligibility for, and increases the maximum rebate amounts provided by the Electric Bicycle and Electric Moped Rebate Program;
- (2) Prohibits persons under fifteen years of age from riding certain electric bicycles;
- (3) Raises the age for required helmet use from sixteen to eighteen years of age;
- (4) Allows the use of electric bicycles on public sidewalks, subject to certain conditions;
- (5) Prohibits electric motorcycles and mopeds from operating in bicycle lanes;



- (6) Includes electric motorcycles in the State's insurance laws governing motorcycles and motor scooters; and
- (7) Substitutes the term "motor-driven vehicle" for the term "motor scooter" throughout the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Bicycling League, Ulupono Initiative, PATH-People for Active Transportation Hawaii, and four individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the amendments made by this measure will help support the use of sustainable transportation options by making the use of electric bicycles, electric mopeds, electric motorcycles, and other electric mobility devices safer and more affordable.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "electric motorcycle" to conform to the existing definition of "motorcycle," as recommended in written comments from Ulupono Initiative;
- (2) Prohibiting persons under eighteen years of age from operating electric motorcycles or motor-driven cycles;
- (3) Adding new definitions for "motor-driven cycle," and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive edits for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1117, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1117, S.D. 2.



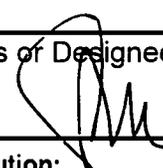
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB1117 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TCA, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-12-25</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	/			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	/			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
DECOITE, Lynn	/			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
LEE, Chris	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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