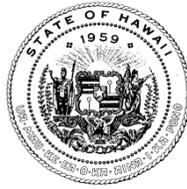


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**HB1641 HD1  
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The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports with comments H.B. 1641 H.D. 1, which prohibits the sale, offer for sale, lease, rental, distribution, possession, or operation of high-speed electric devices

The bill addresses important safety concerns associated with high-speed electric devices, means any device with a motor exceeding seven hundred fifty watts and capable of speeds over twenty-eight miles per hour. "High-speed electric device" does not include a:

- (1) Moped or motor vehicle that is registered as required by law to operate on public roadways; or
- (2) Motor vehicle that is specifically exempted from registration in section 286-41." These devices are not currently permitted on the State's transportation system due to the safety risks they pose, particularly in shared bicycle lanes, roadways, and areas where pedestrians and vehicles interact.

By clarifying and reinforcing these prohibitions in statute, the bill aligns with the DOT's mission to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system for all users. The establishment of penalties further supports compliance and deters unsafe operation.

Additionally, the bill does not retroactively affect rights and duties that had already matured prior to its effective date, ensuring that existing legal frameworks remain intact while introducing necessary protections moving forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

**HB-1641-HD-1**

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