

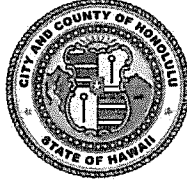
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October 8, 2024

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 52 (2024) Relating to Electric Bicycles

The Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR) supports Bill 52 (2024), which establishes a three-class system for defining electric bicycles ("e-bikes") and requirements for their use to ensure public safety on O'ahu.

Ground transportation accounts for nearly 20 percent of the greenhouse gas pollution created on O'ahu. In response, the City's Climate Action Plan prioritizes strategies to enable and provide multiple modes of green transportation.¹ E-bikes, especially those in Class 1 and 2, provide an accessible, zero-emission mode of transportation. When operated responsibly, they can effectively complement existing public transportation options to help reduce dependency on inefficient, single-occupancy vehicle trips.

We recognize that while the rapid growth in e-bike usage presents an opportunity for pollution reduction and transportation affordability, it also presents public safety challenges, especially for keiki riders. CCSR supports this measure's approach to balancing the safety needs of our community with the growing demand for alternative modes of transportation aligned with the City's climate action and affordability goals.

1 *One Climate One O'ahu*, City and County of Honolulu Climate action Plan 2020-2025:
<https://www.resilientoahu.org/climateactionplan>.

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As a member of the E-Bike Working Group organized by the Department of Transportation Services, CCSR stands ready to engage and support the Administration and the City Council through that process in the exploration of common-sense approaches to enhancing safety for alternative mobility devices.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Bill 52 (2024). Should you have any questions, please contact us at (808) 768-2277 or b.sullivan@honolulu.gov.

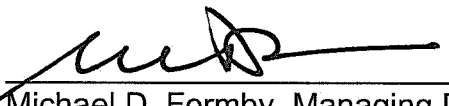
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