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Testimony:

****Public Testimony on Bill 41 (2026) – Relating to Transportation and Micro-Mobility Devices**** Support w/ Amendments

****Submitted for the Honolulu City Council Regular Meeting – June 3, 2026****

Aloha kakou e nā Councilmembers,

My name is ****Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM****, Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party, a Honolulu resident, taxpayer, and advocate for practical, safe, and balanced transportation policies that protect our streets, sidewalks, and residents.

I submit this testimony with ****qualified support**** for ****Bill 41 (2026)****, which amends multiple sections of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu to update definitions and regulations for mopeds, electric bicycles, Class 1/2/3 electric bikes, micro-mobility devices, motorcycles, parking requirements, sidewalk use, helmet rules, and related transportation matters.

Positive Aspects Worth Supporting:

- Updating outdated definitions for electric bicycles and micro-mobility devices to match state law (HRS) brings clarity.
- Clarifying parking rules for motorcycles, mopeds, and scooters (parallel parking, clearance, stall usage) can reduce conflicts and improve street flow.
- Addressing high-speed electric devices and safety requirements shows awareness of growing e-mobility trends.

Serious Concerns and Areas Needing Major Improvement:

However, this bill risks being overly broad and punitive toward everyday users of bicycles, e-bikes, and mopeds without sufficient balance:

- ****Sidewalk and Path Restrictions****: Strict prohibitions on riding certain devices on sidewalks could endanger pedestrians while also limiting safe options for families, kūpuna, and delivery workers in areas with heavy traffic. We need clearer distinctions between high-speed devices and standard Class 1/2 e-bikes.
- ****One-Size-Fits-All Rules****: Honolulu’s diverse neighborhoods (urban core vs. suburban vs. rural) have very different needs. Blanket rules on parking, operation, and helmets may create unnecessary burdens on working people who rely on affordable two-wheeled transport.
- ****Enforcement Reality****: With HPD’s ongoing staffing shortages (hundreds of vacancies), adding more complex regulations without adequate enforcement capacity may lead to selective or ineffective implementation.

- **Public Input**: Such wide-ranging changes to daily transportation deserve more robust community feedback before final passage.

Recommendation: I urge the Council to **pass Bill 41 only with amendments** that:

- Create reasonable exemptions for lower-speed Class 1 & 2 electric bicycles on sidewalks in appropriate areas.
- Prioritize safety education and infrastructure (more bike lanes, secure parking) alongside enforcement.
- Ensure rules do not disproportionately burden local residents and small businesses who use these vehicles for commuting and livelihood.

"I ka 'olelo nō ke ola; i ka 'olelo nō ka make."

In words there is life; in words there is death. Well-crafted laws can protect life and promote harmony on our roads. Poorly balanced ones create resentment and confusion.

Let us get this right — update the rules for modern micro-mobility while protecting safety, fairness, and practical mobility for all who call Honolulu home.

Mahalo nui loa for your kuleana. I respectfully request that this testimony be entered into the official public record.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

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Testimony:

Aloha.

I support Bill 41, which conforms city code to state law by establishing clear definitions for electric bicycles and micromobility devices. Legal clarity is necessary for enforcement and safe integration of these sustainable transportation modes.

However, I urge the council to address the unintended consequences of the state’s 15-year age minimum for e-bike operation, which this bill adopts. This restriction conflicts with Honolulu’s Safe Routes to School goals and forces middle schoolers, who are legally permitted to ride traditional bicycles, to rely on parents driving them or walking long distances in car-centric environments: , Car trips to school are a major source of congestion and emissions. Youth cycling independence builds lifelong habits and safety skills.

I respectfully request that the council:

- Lobby the state legislature to lower the e-bike age to 12 (with required safety education).
- Direct HPD to prioritize education over enforcement for youth riders, focusing citations on dangerous behavior (riding on sidewalks, speeding) rather than age-based restrictions that disproportionately impact families without car access.

E-bikes extend the range and accessibility of active transportation for youth. We should not criminalize sustainable mobility choices while our climate crisis demands fewer car trips. Please support Bill 41 while committing to advocate for sensible state reforms.

Thank you.

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Honolulu City Council
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**Hawai'i Bicycling Supports Intent of Bill 41(2026)
Relating To Transportation**

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola and Members of the Council,

My name is Eduardo Hernandez and I am the Advocacy Director for the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, roll, and use public transit.

There is important symbolism that this Council brings forward for consideration Bill 41(2026) to update traffic code today. By official proclamation of Governor Josh Green, Wednesday June 3rd 2026 is "World Bicycle Day" in Hawaii. This is a recognition first established by the United Nations in 2018, to celebrate the role of the bicycle as a tool of affordable and sustainable transportation. Hawai'i was the first state in the nation to proclaim World Bicycle Day in 2025, and this global movement continues to grow.

Bill 48 proposes to conform ROH provisions to House Bill 2021, HD2, SD2, CD1, Relating to Transportation currently awaiting enactment at the Hawai'i Capitol. This statewide legislation aims to create a stronger foundation for traffic and pedestrian safety, and in so doing, helps individuals and families choose affordable transportation solutions that will work for them. By conforming ROH provisions, the City can help local families to realize the benefit of bicycles and multimodal transportation options.

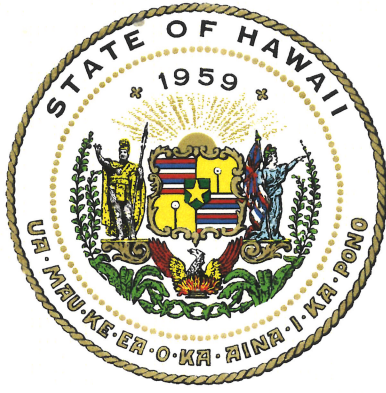
Safer pedestrian and traffic environments reduce risk of injury, particularly for children, seniors, and individuals using mobility aids, helping to advance our community's overall safety goals. With fewer vehicles, streets may experience reduced noise, lower air-pollution exposure, and calmer public space. These are powerful benefits that improve quality of life for individuals, the surrounding community and support sustainability goals established at the state and county levels.

HBL looks forward to continuing to work with Council Members, our constituents and the public to fine tune this bill for enhanced clarity and maximum effectiveness.

We hope you will advance this bill for further consideration and enactment.

For the record, I am also attaching a copy of the Governor's World Bicycle Day Proclamation.

Eduardo Hernandez
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Hawai'i Bicycling League



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United Nations established June 3rd as World Bicycle Day in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Hawai'i Bicycling League is celebrated its 50th anniversary based on a founding mission to motivate more people to ride bicycles for recreation, health and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i supports bicycling through various initiatives and programs including *Bike Plan Hawai'i*, designed to outline strategies for improving infrastructure and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation manages the *Safe Routes to School* program, which encourages walking and bicycling to school; and

WHEREAS, the State is committed to significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions, particularly in the transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, new commitments by the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation include the Priority Multimodal Network, \$360 million in forthcoming projects over the next 10 years, on the state highway system. Projects will fill gaps in pedestrian, transit and bicycle access across all islands, including shared-use paths, protected bike lanes, expanded sidewalks and transit facilities; and

WHEREAS, bicycling offers an economically low-cost transportation solution for everyone, including families statewide; and

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a sustainable and regenerative way through which visitors can explore the Hawaiian islands; and

WHEREAS, integrating bicycling into public transportation, improving road safety and promoting the use of bicycles throughout society all have positive benefits on social welfare, the economy and individuals' well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2026, as

"WORLD BICYCLE DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge all those in the Aloha State to join me in acknowledging the Hawai'i Bicycling League alongside all the public and private organizations advocating in support of bicycle laws, bike path maps, public safety and enjoyment of bicycling in our communities.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of May 2026.


Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i