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February 24, 2026

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Richard T. Bissen, Jr. 2-24-26

Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Tom Cook
Chair, Water and Infrastructure Committee
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair Cook,

SUBJECT: BILL 16 (2026), REGULATING LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES (WAI-22)

The Maui Police Department has received your letter dated February 12, 2026 in reference to Bill 16 (2026), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.52, MAUI COUNTY CODE, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION REGULATING LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES."

The Maui Police Department supports the proposed amendment to Bill 16, which would authorize the enforcement of reckless operation violations involving low-speed electric bicycles. This amendment will provide officers with clearer statutory authority to address unsafe and hazardous behaviors that pose a risk to riders, pedestrians, and motorists.

As the use of low-speed electric bicycles continues to increase, the need for enforceable safety standards has become more apparent. The proposed amendment will help promote responsible operation, enhance public safety, and ensure that enforcement efforts are consistent with existing traffic laws intended to protect the community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Deputy Chief Wade Maeda at (808) 244-6305 or email at wade.maeda@mpd.net.

Sincerely,

WADE MAEDA
Deputy Chief of Police

cc: Mayor's office

WAI Committee

From: Estrelita B. Dahilig <Estrelita.B.Dahilig@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 8:27 AM
To: WAI Committee; Thomas M. Cook
Cc: John Pelletier (john.pelletier@mpd.net); Wade Maeda (wade.maeda@mpd.net); Jenny Nakama; Josiah K. Nishita; Erin A. Wade; Cynthia E. Sasada; Didi A. Hamai; Kelii P. Nahooikaika
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Attachments: MT#11412.WAI.Committee.Chair.Cook.Tom.pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached transmittal dated February 24, 2026, from Deputy Police Chief, Wade Maeda regarding the above subject matter.

Thank you and have a great day!

Mahalo,

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