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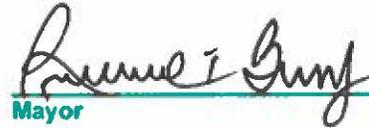
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March 4, 2026

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL**

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
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200 South High Street  
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 3-5-26  
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Tom Cook:

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

The Department of Transportation (DOT) hereby transmit the following response to your letter dated February 12, 2026, regarding Bill 16 (2026), Regulating Low-Speed Electric Bicycles – CD1 Version of Bill 16 (2026).

The Department of Transportation supports the proposed changes and the Council's efforts to promote the safe and responsible use of electric bicycles on our public rights-of-way. While the Department does not oversee roads or greenway improvements, we interact with the cycling community through our Maui Bus program. In reviewing the bill, the Department offers the following clarification for the record:

- **Operator Position (10.52.125, Subsection B):** The Department notes the requirements for operators to be seated and facing forward. The Department interprets this regulation as applying to the active riding and operation of the bicycle. We wish to clarify that this requirement should not be construed to apply to the necessary standing maneuvers required for passengers to safely load, secure, or unload their bicycles from the bike racks on Maui Bus vehicles.

*Chair Tom Cook*  
*WAI Committee*  
*March 4, 2026*  
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Aside from this observation, the Department has no further comments to provide at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Takamori', written over a horizontal line.

Marc Takamori  
Director of Transportation

cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

## WAI Committee

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**From:** Estrelita B. Dahilig <Estrelita.B.Dahilig@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2026 10:01 AM  
**To:** Thomas M. Cook; WAI Committee  
**Cc:** Marc I. Takamori; Diane C. Yogi; Cora-Lyn Dumlao; Josiah K. Nishita; Erin A. Wade; Cynthia E. Sasada; Didi A. Hamai; Kelii P. Nahooikaika  
**Subject:** TRANSMITTAL: BILL 16 (2026), REGULATING LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES (WAI-22)  
**Attachments:** MT#11420.Tom.Cook.pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached transmittal dated March 4, 2026, from Director of Transportation Marc Takamori regarding the above subject matter.

Thank you and have a great day!

Mahalo,  
Lita



**Lita B. Dahilig**

Secretary

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