UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA

POLICY TITLE: Bicycling, Skateboarding, and Other Coasting Devices on Campus

I. POLICY STATEMENT:

The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM) acknowledges the advantages associated with the use of coasting devices as a means of convenient and energy efficient transportation on campus. These devices are approved for use as transportation on university property but are prohibited in any manner that places members of the campus community at risk or results in property damage, including their use for acrobatic, racing or other stunts.

As a contributing member of this campus, everyone is encouraged to take an active part in keeping our university safe by moving through campus with aloha.

II. PURPOSE:

For Safety and Community Courtesy: This policy has been issued in an effort to balance the safety and well-being of the campus community and to protect University property with the ability to use coasting devices for transportation purposes. This policy aims to create a safe campus environment engaged in mixed modes of transportation through courteous and considerate behavior and sharing our valuable resources.

III. APPLICABILITY/SCOPE:

Although this policy mainly applies to individuals utilizing coasting devices on university property, it calls for the entire campus community to be mindful of others when traveling through campus and to provide a safe traffic environment so all modes of transportation can co-exist. “Move with Aloha.”

IV. DEFINITIONS:

A. **Coasting Devices**: Bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, rollerblades, scooters, and other wheeled devices not classified as motor vehicles.

B. **Move with Aloha**: To travel and move through campus with mutual regard, respect, and consideration for one another.

http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcafo/MoveWithAloha/
Hawai‘i State Law HRS Chapter 5
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol01_Ch0001-0042F/HRS0005/HRS_0005-0007_0005.htm
V. OPERATION:

A. Individuals using coasting devices on university property are responsible for using them in a safe manner, giving the most vulnerable travelers (pedestrians, persons with disabilities, etc.) the right of way at all times.
1. Excessive speeding, stunt riding, racing, or any other uses besides transportation purposes is prohibited for the safety of others and for University property.
2. Coasting devices may not be operated in a manner prohibited by law; i.e., skateboards cannot be ridden on roadways. See reference links below.
3. Accidents or incidents involving property damage and/or injury should be reported to Campus Security for immediate action.

B. Coasting devices must be walked in designated Share Zone Areas to ensure the health and safety of the campus community in these high traffic pedestrian zones:
1. McCarthy Mall
2. Legacy Path
3. Sustainability Courtyard
4. Athletic Complex, including Gym 1 and Gym 2
Exception: ADA mobility devices – persons on such devices are responsible to move through campus in a safe manner.

C. Use of coasting devices is not allowed in the following locations:
1. Inside University buildings;
2. Construction areas;
3. On loading docks, stairs, banisters, railings, landings, ramps, walls, sculptures, benches, and other seating areas;
4. On athletic or recreational playing venues, such as the grass fields on the Lower Campus; and
5. Areas where such activities are prohibited by signage and/or law.

D. Violations of this policy will be addressed by the appropriate university office or official in accordance with applicable City and County Traffic Codes, University policy and procedures, Collective Bargaining Agreements or Student Conduct Code http://studentaffairs.manoa.hawaii.edu/policies/conduct_code/.

E. The University may seek compensatory damages if University property is damaged or destroyed.

VI. REFERENCES:

A. City and County of Honolulu Traffic Code, Chapter 15:

B. City and County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services, Bicycle Regulations and Safety Tips:
   http://www1.honolulu.gov/dts/bike_regulations.htm

C. Hawai‘i Bicycling League, Honolulu Bicycle Laws and Regulations:
   http://www.hbl.org/bikelaws
D. Policies on Coasting Devices at other Universities:
   1. University of Southern California
      http://scampus.usc.edu/coasting-devices/
   2. Colorado State University
      http://police.colostate.edu/pdfs/Bike-Booklet.pdf
   3. Purchase College, State University of New York
      http://www.purchase.edu/Departments/StudentAffairs/Policies/skateboardingskatingandbicycling.aspx
   4. University of Utah
      http://www.regulations.utah.edu/administration/3-232.html
   5. Missouri State University
      http://www.missouristate.edu/safetran/12255.htm
   6. UC Santa Barbara
      http://www.police.ucsb.edu/resources/bikeskateboard-safety-class-information

VII. HISTORY:

None.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible for user’s reference:

1) What impact will this new or revised policy/procedure have on other UHM campus programs/departments/offices?

This policy aims to increase the safety of the campus community engaged in mixed modes of transportation within the limited confines of campus grounds and is in response to complaints received regarding the reckless movement of riders, most recently skateboarders.

Enforcement of this type of policy is extremely difficult and will require everyone’s participation in keeping our university safe. Thus, efforts will be made to approach this issue from an educational perspective, including speaking with people to be cooperative, coordinating campaigns for a safer campus, and distributing informative safety flyers.

2) What steps were taken to ensure all appropriate constituents were consulted (who was consulted, what concerns were raised, how were these concerns addressed, etc.)?

The initial policy was drafted by the UHM Bicycling Committee in response to safety concerns raised by campus constituents regarding near-misses and collisions by skateboarders and cyclists. The original draft included more severe disciplinary actions for violations, including the confiscation of coasting devices for repeat offenders, mandatory educational workshop or safety seminar, and the application of violation fees. After consultation with Mānoa HR, Student Affairs, Commuter and Fleet Services, Campus Security, and Planning, the language was revised to hold everyone accountable for their own actions and to approach this issue from an educational and cooperative perspective for a happier campus.

Specifying a clear time frame for walking coasting devices in designated Share Zone Areas was also supported by the majority during consultation. After consultation with the Scheduler in Admissions and Records, the draft policy was worded to reflect the busiest period on campus - Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 2:00 pm. – during which time the campus community must walk their wheels in designated high pedestrian zones.

3) Does this policy/procedure have a financial impact? If so, how?

Promoting the educational aspect of this policy will require funding for informational flyers, coordinated media campaigns for a safer campus, conducting safety classes, etc.

This policy aims to build a safer campus by getting students, faculty, staff, and visitors to be more aware of each other as they move through campus and to exercise thought and consideration for one another to avoid collisions and accidents and possible financial liability for the University.

4) Does this policy/procedure affect space (classroom, research, etc.) on campus? If so, how?

N/A

5) Are there safety measures that need to be implemented prior to execution? If so, please specify. Who will be responsible to ensure safety standards?
No.

6) What steps will be taken to ensure that proper clarification and training is provided to the appropriate campus representatives?

This policy will be shared with the campus community, including Deans/Directors/Department Chairs, to ensure students, faculty, staff, and visitors are aware and move through campus safely. Campus Security will assist in enforcing this policy. Commuter and Fleet Services, the Mānoa Bicycling Committee, and other campus units will assist in providing safety awareness and education.

7) What steps will be taken to ensure update and compliance of this policy?

This policy will be reviewed every three (3) years by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance, and Operations (OVCAFO) to ensure update and compliance.

Policy Advisory Committee:

Comments and Recommendations: