
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§291C- Heavy vehicles; prohibition; left lane. (a)

5 Whenever any roadway or street has been divided into two or more
6 clearly marked lanes for traffic, any motor vehicle with a gross
7 vehicle weight rating of more than ten thousand pounds shall be
8 prohibited from driving in the left lane.

9 (b) The prohibition in this section shall not apply to
10 public mass transit vehicles and school buses using zipper lanes
11 as described in section 291C-222.5 and high occupancy vehicle
12 lanes as defined in section 291C-221 and to any motor vehicle
13 with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than ten thousand
14 pounds that is using the left lane to execute a left turn or to
15 pass a vehicle."

16 SECTION 2. Section 291C-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:



1 **"§291C-53 Restrictions on use of controlled-access roadway**
2 **or highway.** (a) The director of transportation by rules
3 adopted in accordance with chapter 91, and the counties by
4 ordinance, may regulate or prohibit the use of any controlled-
5 access roadway or highway within their respective jurisdictions
6 by any class or kind of traffic which is found to be
7 incompatible with the normal and safe movement of traffic.
8 Persons operating motorcycles which are otherwise permitted on a
9 controlled-access roadway or highway shall be permitted to use
10 any high occupancy vehicle lane designated on such roadway or
11 highway. For the purposes of this subsection, "high occupancy
12 vehicle lane" means a designated lane of a laned roadway where
13 the use of such designated lane is restricted to vehicles
14 carrying at least two persons and to other vehicles as provided
15 by rules adopted in accordance with chapter 91, or by county
16 ordinance. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no person
17 shall operate a neighborhood electric vehicle on any controlled-
18 access roadway or highway.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary,
20 any motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of more
21 than ten thousand pounds shall be prohibited from driving in the
22 left lane of a controlled-access roadway or highway. The



1 prohibition in this subsection shall not apply to public mass
 2 transit vehicles and school buses using zipper lanes, as
 3 described in section 291C-222.5, or high occupancy vehicles
 4 lanes.

5 ~~(b)~~ (c) The director of transportation or a county
 6 adopting any such prohibition shall erect and maintain official
 7 traffic-control devices on the controlled-access roadway or
 8 highway on which such prohibitions are applicable and when in
 9 place no person shall disobey the restrictions stated on such
 10 devices."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Traffic; Heavy Vehicles

Description:

Prohibits any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds from traveling in the left lane of a multi-lane roadway or street except when turning or passing. Exempts public mass transit vehicles and school buses using zipper lanes and high occupancy vehicle lanes.

