
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 "(c) Length:

4 (1) No single motor vehicle or other power vehicle having
5 a total overall length greater than forty-five feet,
6 including load, shall be operated or moved upon any
7 public road, street, or highway within the State,
8 except as provided in this subsection;

9 (2) No truck-tractor and semitrailer having a total
10 overall length greater than sixty-five feet, including
11 load, shall be operated or moved upon any public road,
12 street, or highway, other than interstate highways and
13 certain qualifying federal aid highways as designated
14 by the director of transportation, within the State,
15 except as provided in this subsection; provided that:

16 (A) For truck-tractors and semitrailers used for
17 agricultural purposes[~~r~~] or public utilities



1 maintenance and service vehicles [~~or articulated~~
2 ~~buses for public transit purposes~~], the total
3 combined length of the truck-tractor and
4 semitrailer [~~or~~] or public utility maintenance and
5 service vehicle [~~or articulated bus~~] shall not
6 exceed sixty-five feet in length; [and]

7 (B) The length of the semitrailer shall not exceed
8 forty-eight feet in length; and

9 (C) The length of an articulated bus for public
10 transit purposes shall not exceed eighty-one feet
11 in length, and shall not consist of more than
12 three units.

13 (3) No combination of motor vehicles or other power
14 vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than
15 two units and no such combination of vehicles having a
16 total overall length greater than sixty-five feet,
17 including load, shall be operated or moved upon any
18 public road, street, or highway other than interstate
19 highways and certain qualifying federal aid highways
20 as designated by the director of transportation,
21 within the State, except as provided in this
22 subsection. A truck-tractor and semitrailer shall be



1 regarded as a single unit when determining the number
2 of units in a combination;

3 (4) No motor vehicle, self-propelled construction or farm
4 equipment, trailer, or semitrailer shall be operated
5 upon any public road, street, or highway within the
6 State if it is carrying or otherwise has projecting to
7 the front or rear, a load, boom, mast, or other
8 projecting structure or attachment unless:

9 (A) With respect to self-propelled construction or
10 farm equipment:

11 (i) The length of the equipment measured on a
12 horizontal axis, including the projection,
13 is not greater than forty-five feet;

14 (ii) The projection is either held securely in
15 place or is controlled by the driver or an
16 operator;

17 (iii) The projection does not obstruct the
18 driver's vision;

19 (iv) The projection does not impair the driver's
20 ability to control the equipment;



1 (v) The projection beyond the front tires is at
2 least seven feet above the roadway surface;
3 and

4 (vi) The projection does not extend more than
5 four feet past the extremity of the piece of
6 equipment, or if it extends more than four
7 feet, an escort vehicle is provided by the
8 owner or operator either to the front or to
9 the rear of the projection to call attention
10 to the projection; or

11 (B) With respect to a motor vehicle, or a motor
12 vehicle with attached trailer or semitrailer:

13 (i) The overall length of a motor vehicle
14 including the projection, is not greater
15 than forty-five feet or the overall length
16 of the motor vehicle with attached trailer
17 or semitrailer, including the projection, is
18 not greater than sixty feet except that this
19 limitation on a motor vehicle with attached
20 trailer or semitrailer, including the
21 projection, shall not be applicable on
22 interstate highways and certain qualifying



- 1 federal aid highways, as designated by the
2 director of transportation;
- 3 (ii) The projection is either held securely in
4 place or is controlled by the driver or an
5 operator;
- 6 (iii) The projection does not obstruct the
7 driver's vision;
- 8 (iv) The projection does not impair the driver's
9 ability to control the equipment;
- 10 (v) The projection beyond the front tires is at
11 least seven feet above the roadway surface;
12 and
- 13 (vi) The projection does not extend more than
14 four feet past the extremity of the trailer
15 or semitrailer, or, if it extends more than
16 four feet, an escort vehicle is provided by
17 the owner or operator either to the front or
18 to the rear of the projection to call
19 attention to the projection;
- 20 (5) The limitations in this subsection upon length shall
21 not apply to vehicles transporting pipe, poles,
22 timbers, reinforcing steel, structural steel, or other



1 objects of a structural nature which cannot be readily
2 dismembered; provided that when transported by night
3 every such vehicle shall be equipped with a sufficient
4 number of clearance lamps upon the extreme ends of any
5 projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of the
6 load."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Motor Vehicles; Articulated Buses

Description:

Increases the length of articulated buses permissible for public transit purposes.

