A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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

- 1 Section 291C-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is SECTION 1. 2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows: 3 The exemptions granted in subsection (b) to an "(c) 4 authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the vehicle 5 is making use of authorized audible [and] or visual signals, 6 except as otherwise provided by county ordinance. This 7 subsection shall not apply to police vehicles." SECTION 2. Section 291C-65, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 8 9 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 10 "(a) Except as otherwise provided by county ordinance, 11 upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle 12 making use of audible [and] or visual signals, the driver of 13 every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall 14 immediately drive to a position clear of any intersection and parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right hand edge or 15 16 curb of the highway or the nearest edge or curb when the highway has multiple lanes or when the highway is a divided highway or **17** 18 one-way street and shall stop and remain in such position until
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- 1 the authorized emergency vehicle [is] has passed, except as
- 2 otherwise directed by a police officer."
- 3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Emergency Vehicle; Audible Signals

Description:

Allows emergency vehicles discretion to use either authorized audible or visual signals when responding to an emergency. Requires vehicles to yield to emergency vehicles using either an audible or visual signal.

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