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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the number of motor  
2 vehicles using wheels with a propensity to cause severe injury  
3 and property damage has increased. By design, most of these  
4 wheels have parts that extend past their rim, including gorilla  
5 pokes, superpoke elbows, and giraffe necks; however, others not  
6 designed as such are just as dangerous due to the addition of  
7 aftermarket parts, such as lug nuts and wheel covers that bear  
8 sharp, pointed projections.

9       The legislature further finds that existing law does not  
10 address the inherent dangers associated with the use of this  
11 type of motor vehicle wheel.

12       The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the use of certain  
13 types of motor vehicle wheels that are considered dangerous.

14       SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by adding a new section to part XII to be appropriately  
16 designated and to read as follows:



1        "§291C-     Dangerous wheels; prohibited.   No person shall  
2   operate a vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer equipped with  
3   dangerous wheels."

4        SECTION 3.   Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5   amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
6   and to read as follows:

7        "Dangerous wheels" means any wheel, wheel cover, hubcap,  
8   lug nut cover or cap, prong, or any ornamentation affixed to any  
9   of the aforementioned items that extends at least four inches  
10   beyond the portion of the wheel rim that extends furthest away  
11   from the vehicle and that may cause injury or property damage by  
12   minimal contact with a person or object."

13        SECTION 4.   This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
14   matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
15   begun before its effective date.

16        SECTION 5.   New statutory material is underscored.

17        SECTION 6.   This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059.



**Report Title:**

Traffic Code; Dangerous Wheels; Prohibited

**Description:**

Defines dangerous wheels and prohibits their use on vehicles, trailers, and semi-trailers. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD2)

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