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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATED TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§46- Enforcement of four-wheel drive vehicle use and  
5 tour operator requirement; Waipio valley. Each county may  
6 confer upon its employees or other individuals as it deems  
7 reasonable and necessary the power to issue fines for the  
8 enforcement of section 291C- (a) (1) and (b) (1)."

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

12 "§291C- Mauna Kea and Waipio valley access; required  
13 four-wheel drive vehicle use; tours. (a) The use of any  
14 vehicle for traversing the following roadways shall be  
15 prohibited:

16 (1) The connecting roadway corridor between the Waipio  
17 valley lookout and the floor of Waipio valley; and



1           (2) The connecting roadway corridor between Hale Pohaku  
2                   and the Mauna Kea science reserve;  
3   provided that this subsection shall not apply to the use of a  
4   low gear four-wheel drive vehicle, emergency vehicles when  
5   responding to an emergency, law enforcement vehicles when in the  
6   pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or upon  
7   leaving a location.

8           (b) No individual or business shall transport another  
9   individual for a fee on the following roadways absent a valid  
10   permit issued by the State to operate on these corridors:

11           (1) The connecting roadway corridor between the Waipio  
12                   valley lookout and the floor of Waipio valley; and

13           (2) The connecting roadway corridor between Hale Pohaku  
14                   and the Mauna Kea science reserve.

15           (c) Violation of this section shall subject the driver of  
16   the vehicle to a fine of \$250.

17           For purposes of this section, an all-wheel drive vehicle  
18   shall not be considered to be a low gear four-wheel drive  
19   vehicle."



1 SECTION 3. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part IV, subpart O, to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§304A- Enforcement of four-wheel drive vehicle use and  
5 tour operator requirement; Mauna Kea. The university of Hawaii  
6 may confer upon its employees or other individuals as it deems  
7 reasonable and necessary the power to issue fines for the  
8 enforcement of section 291C- (a) (2) and (b) (2)."

9 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
11 begun before its effective date.

12 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Waipio Valley; Mauna Kea; Roadway; Four-Wheel Drive Vehicles;  
Rental Motor Vehicles; Tour Operators

**Description:**

Prohibits access to Mauna Kea Science Reserve and Waipio Valley, except through the use of a low-gear four-wheel drive vehicle. Requires tours of the Mauna Kea Science Reserve and Waipio Valley to obtain a Certification for Hawaii's Professional Tour Guides. Authorizes the counties and University of Hawaii to appointment individuals to enforce the restrictions. (HB1767 HD1)

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