
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTS OF PROHIBITING TRUCKS WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF TEN THOUSAND POUNDS OR MORE FROM USING THE LEFT-MOST LANE ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS.

1 WHEREAS, heavier trucks that are driving slower than the
2 speed of traffic can contribute to traffic congestion on
3 highways, especially if there are trucks in every lane; and
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5 WHEREAS, the left-most lane on a highway is typically
6 designated as a passing lane; and
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8 WHEREAS, several states, including California, Connecticut,
9 Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, and New Jersey, have enacted laws
10 referred to as left-lane restrictions, which prohibit larger
11 motor vehicles from using the left-most lane on highways with
12 three or more lanes except to pass or turn left; and
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14 WHEREAS, there have been studies showing benefits to left-
15 lane restrictions, such as increased average traffic speeds,
16 though some studies have found negative consequences, such as an
17 increase in accidents; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
22 Transportation is requested to convene a working group to
23 evaluate the effects of prohibiting trucks with a gross vehicle
24 weight of ten thousand pounds or more from using the left-most
25 lane on certain highways and any impacts it has on traffic
26 congestion and safety; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
29 to include in the evaluation an analysis of other states that



1 have similar left-lane restrictions and how those laws affect
2 traffic congestion and safety; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
5 to compare the effects of a full-time left-lane restriction and
6 a left-lane restriction that is only applicable during peak
7 commuting times; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation
10 is requested to serve as the Chair of the working group and to
11 invite participation by two representatives from the Hawaii
12 Transit Authority; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
15 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
16 Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of
17 the Regular Session of 2019; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
21 Transportation.

