
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY 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 Senate of the Twenty-ninth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
22 Transportation is requested to study the effect of prohibiting
23 trucks with a gross vehicle weight of ten thousand pounds or
24 more from using the left-most lane on certain highways and
25 specifically any impacts it has on traffic congestion and
26 safety; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
29 Transportation is requested to include in the study an analysis
30 of other states that have similar left-lane restrictions and how
31 these laws affect traffic congestion and safety; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to compare the effects of a full-time left-lane restriction and a left-lane restriction that is only applicable during peak commuting times; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and

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

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