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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 28, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 28, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1081 HD1 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO SIDEWALKS
ACT 125 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SIDEWALKS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that sidewalk networks
2 are integral components of streets and roadways in Hawaii's
3 communities, where pedestrians need safety, comfort,
4 accessibility, and efficient mobility. Sidewalk networks
5 increase pedestrian safety by separating pedestrians from
6 vehicle traffic. Sidewalks produce positive public-health
7 outcomes by encouraging walking, making communities more
8 accessible, and contributing to more sustainable communities by
9 decreasing dependence on motor vehicles. The department of
10 health's 2020-2030 Draft Healthy Hawaii Strategic Plan sets a
11 goal to increase the total miles of safe pedestrian
12 infrastructure by fifty miles.

13 The legislature further finds that there is significant
14 disparity in the installation, maintenance, and improvement of
15 sidewalk networks, even within the same county. There is also
16 little to no transparent information about the installation,



1 repair, and maintenance of sidewalk networks available to
2 ordinary citizens.

3 The purpose of this Act is to improve equitable access to
4 safe sidewalk networks by requiring:

5 (1) The department of transportation to maintain a list of
6 statewide sidewalk installation and pedestrian
7 improvement projects;

8 (2) Each county's transportation department to create and
9 maintain a list of sidewalk installation and
10 pedestrian improvement projects; and

11 (3) The department of transportation and the counties to
12 post the priority list on their respective websites to
13 promote transparency and public accountability.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
16 to read as follows:

17 **"PART . SIDEWALK PROJECT PRIORITY LISTS**

18 **§264- Sidewalk project priority lists.** (a) The
19 department of transportation shall maintain a priority list of
20 statewide sidewalk installation and pedestrian improvement
21 projects, including potential alternatives to sidewalks that may



1 be better suited for individual communities. The priority list
2 shall be updated no less than once per year.

3 (b) Each county's transportation department shall create
4 and maintain a priority list of county sidewalk installation and
5 pedestrian improvement projects, including potential
6 alternatives to sidewalks that may be better suited for
7 individual communities. The priority lists shall be updated no
8 less than once per year.

9 (c) Each priority list required by subsections (a) and (b)
10 shall include information about the type, cost, and location of
11 the projects on the priority list.

12 (d) In establishing a priority list required by
13 subsections (a) and (b), the department of transportation and
14 each county's transportation department shall incorporate
15 considerations for each project's:

- 16 (1) Cost;
- 17 (2) Impact on pedestrian safety;
- 18 (3) Importance to a larger pedestrian network; and
- 19 (4) Importance for providing first- and last-mile
20 connectivity to transit.



1 (e) Each priority list required by subsections (a) and (b)
2 shall be published on the respective websites of the department
3 of transportation and each county transportation department."

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

APPROVED this 28 day of JUN, 2021



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 1081, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate