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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to reduce the
2 appointed membership of the state highway safety council.

3 SECTION 2. Section 286-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§286-5 State highway safety council.** There is
6 established the Hawaii highway safety council placed within the
7 department of transportation. The director of transportation
8 shall serve as its chairperson. The following or their
9 designated representatives shall be members of the council: the
10 chief justice, the attorney general, the director of health, the
11 superintendent of education, the president of the University of
12 Hawaii, the chairperson of each of the county highway safety
13 councils established under section 286-6, and [~~not more than~~
14 ~~twenty~~] ten other persons who shall be appointed by the governor
15 on the basis of their interest in highway safety.

16 The state highway safety council shall advise the governor
17 on matters relating to the programs and activities of the State
18 in the field of highway safety.

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1 The members of the council shall serve without pay but
2 shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while
3 attending meetings and while in discharge of their duties."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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Report Title:

Transportation; State Highway Safety Council

Description:

Reduces the membership of the State Highway Safety Council appointed by the Governor from twenty to ten.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL.

PURPOSE: To reduce the number of members of the State Highway Safety Council appointed by the Governor from twenty to ten.

MEANS: Amend section 286-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The State Highway Safety Council advises the Governor on matters relating to the programs and activities of the State in the field of highway safety. Current membership of the council includes the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Director of Health, the Superintendent of Education, the President of the University of Hawaii or their designees, the chairperson of each of the county highway safety councils established under section 286-6, and not more than twenty other persons who are appointed by the Governor on the basis of their interest in highway safety.

There has been, however, difficulty finding a qualified and suitable number of candidates to bring number of the Governor's appointees to twenty, as authorized by law. The Department believes that the State Highway Safety Council could still function effectively and efficiently if the number of the Governor's appointees were reduced to ten. Reducing the number of members on the State Highway Safety Council that are appointed by the Governor from twenty to ten will not affect any sitting member, and will enable the Council to achieve quorum and take action.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: TRN-597.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.