
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VISION ZERO.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that vision zero is a
2 traffic safety program that seeks to end traffic deaths and
3 serious injuries. The idea originated in Sweden, which adopted
4 vision zero as a national policy in 1997 and by 2013 had
5 achieved a record low of road accident fatalities. In 2000,
6 Washington became the first in the United States to adopt the
7 program and to set an aggressive goal of zero traffic deaths and
8 serious injuries by 2030. Washington reported that the state
9 averaged twenty-two fewer traffic fatalities and eighty fewer
10 serious injuries each year from 2002 to 2011.

11 The legislature further finds that certain states,
12 including Maryland, North Carolina, and North Dakota, and many
13 of the country's large cities, including Boston, Chicago, Los
14 Angeles, New York, and the District of Columbia have adopted
15 vision zero policy or similar programs. The Federal Highway
16 Administration is also committed to eliminating traffic



1 fatalities and serious injuries, adopting a policy called
2 "toward zero deaths."

3 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
4 transportation to implement a vision zero program.

5 SECTION 2. Section 286-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "[~~†~~]**§286-7.5**[~~†~~] **Vision Zero.** (a) The department of
8 transportation and the county transportation departments shall
9 [~~adopt~~] implement a Vision Zero [~~policy that seeks to prevent~~
10 ~~and ultimately~~] program by July 1, 2022.

11 (b) The goal of the Vision Zero program shall be to
12 eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the
13 State by 2045, through a combination of engineering,
14 enforcement, education, and emergency response strategies that
15 focus on equity.

16 (c) The department of transportation, in conjunction with
17 the counties, shall take necessary steps to implement the
18 program.

19 (d) The director of transportation may adopt rules
20 pursuant to chapter 91 for the purposes of this section.



1 (e) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 each regular session, the department of transportation shall
3 submit a report to the legislature, including any proposed
4 legislation, on the progress made toward the goal of eliminating
5 traffic fatalities and serious injuries."

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Transportation; Vision Zero

Description:

Requires the department of transportation and the counties to implement a vision zero program in Hawaii by 7/1/2022.

Establishes a goal of no traffic fatalities or serious injuries by 2045. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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