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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BICYCLE LANES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, according to the
2 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were eight
3 hundred fifty-seven bicyclists killed in traffic crashes in the
4 United States in 2018. The legislature further finds that there
5 has been an increase in bicycling in Hawaii during the
6 coronavirus pandemic. As a result of the increase in bicycling,
7 there have been four bicycle crash fatalities in 2020 in the
8 State. Indeed, the State's roads often do not provide enough
9 space for bicycles and cars to share the road. Yet, the city
10 and county of Honolulu is dedicated to making Oahu a bicycle-
11 friendly place.

12 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
13 transportation to create a development plan to widen shoulders
14 on state highways with designated bike lanes to at least three
15 feet in width, with exceptions.

16 SECTION 2. The department of transportation shall create a
17 development plan to ensure that, to the greatest extent



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1 feasible, whenever a bike way is designated along a state
2 highway that a paved shoulder at least three feet in width shall
3 be included; provided that exceptions may be made for sections
4 of a state highway that cross a bridge or run alongside a
5 natural obstruction that would make a three-foot wide shoulder
6 infeasible.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Bicycle Lanes; Development Plan; Department of Transportation

Description:

Requires the department of transportation to create a development plan to widen shoulders on state highways with designated bike lanes to at least three feet in width, with exceptions.

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