

JAN 27 2021

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

14 The legislature further finds that there is significant
15 disparity in the installation, maintenance, and improvement of
16 sidewalk networks even within the same county. There is also
17 little to no transparent information around 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 the department of
5 transportation and each county's transportation department to:

- 6 (1) Create and maintain a priority list of sidewalk
7 installation and improvement projects; and
8 (2) Publish the priority list on their respective
9 websites.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§264- Sidewalk project priority lists. (a) The
14 department of transportation and each county's transportation
15 department shall create and maintain a priority list of sidewalk
16 installation and improvement projects. The priority lists shall
17 be updated no less than once per year.

18 (b) Each priority list required by subsection (a) shall
19 include information about the type, cost, and location of the
20 projects on the priority list.



1 (c) In establishing a priority list required by subsection
2 (a), the department of transportation and each county's
3 transportation department shall evaluate a project's:

4 (1) Cost;

5 (2) Impact on pedestrian safety;

6 (3) Importance to a larger pedestrian network;

7 (4) Importance for providing first- and last-mile
8 connectivity to transit; and

9 (5) Potential to reduce disparities in health, safety, and
10 mobility, based on geography and other social
11 determinants, including age, gender, race,
12 socioeconomic status, and ability,

13 via a formal prioritization model.

14 (d) Each priority list required by subsection (a) shall be
15 published on the respective website of the department of
16 transportation or county transportation department. Each
17 priority list shall be accompanied by information on what
18 percentage of the respective department's capital improvement
19 budget has been allocated to sidewalks and improving pedestrian
20 accessibility during that reporting period."

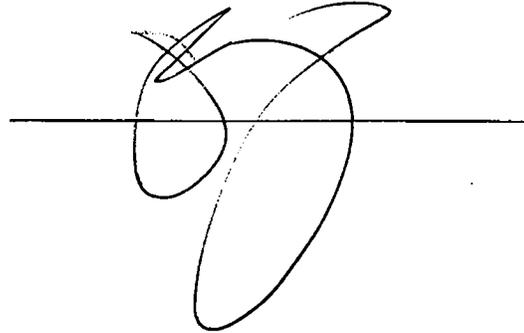
21 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

Sidewalks; Priority List; Department of Transportation; Counties

Description:

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