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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of  
2 transportation manages and spends more taxpayer dollars than  
3 nearly any other state agency. Most departments of  
4 transportation throughout the country have robust mechanisms to  
5 ensure funds are best spent, including publicly transparent  
6 processes to evaluate, select, and track projects; oversight  
7 commissions of expert stakeholders to independently monitor,  
8 evaluate, and provide guidance to the department and  
9 policymakers; and regular robust reporting that meaningfully  
10 measures and assesses overall progress toward public policy  
11 goals.

12           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to help the  
13 department of transportation improve transportation outcomes by  
14 establishing mechanisms enabling better transparency and  
15 accountability for transportation efforts by:

16           (1) Requiring transparency in transportation project  
17           evaluation, selection, and tracking; and



1           (2) Adding to the membership and mission of the state  
 2           highway safety council to make the council an  
 3           independently led group of expert stakeholders that  
 4           may review the department of transportation's efforts  
 5           to ensure transparency and provide guidance to the  
 6           department and legislature to help achieve state goals  
 7           and outcomes.

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

10           "**§286-5 State highway safety council.** (a) There is  
 11           established the Hawaii highway safety council. [~~The director of~~  
 12           ~~transportation shall serve as its chairperson.~~] The council  
 13           shall be chaired on an annually rotating basis between the  
 14           chairpersons of the respective committees of the house of  
 15           representatives and senate having jurisdiction over  
 16           transportation, or their designees. [The] In addition to the  
 17           chairperson of the house of representatives standing committee  
 18           having jurisdiction over transportation, the chairperson of the  
 19           senate standing committee having jurisdiction over  
 20           transportation, the following or their designated  
 21           representatives shall be members of the council: the chief



1 justice, the attorney general, the director of health, the  
2 superintendent of education, the chairperson of the state public  
3 charter school commission, executive director of the state  
4 public charter school commission, the president of the  
5 University of Hawaii, the chairperson of the University of  
6 Hawaii at Manoa department of urban and regional planning, the  
7 co-chairpersons of the Hawaii climate change mitigation and  
8 adaptation commission, the director of the office of planning  
9 and sustainable development, the chief energy officer of the  
10 Hawaii state energy office, the chairperson of each of the  
11 county highway safety councils established under section 286-6,  
12 and not more than [~~twenty~~] twelve other persons who shall be  
13 appointed by the governor for a three-year term as follows:

- 14 (1) One member from an organization representing senior  
15 citizens;  
16 (2) One member from an organization representing  
17 bicyclists;  
18 (3) One member from an organization having a focus on  
19 micro-mobility;  
20 (4) One member from an organization having a focus on  
21 transportation, planning, and improvement;



- 1        (5) One member from an organization having a focus on
- 2                reducing the cost of transportation for low-income
- 3                communities;
- 4        (6) One member from an organization representing labor and
- 5                construction;
- 6        (7) One member from an organization representing trucking
- 7                and cargo carriers;
- 8        (8) One member from an organization having a focus on the
- 9                electrification of transportation;
- 10        (9) One member from an organization having a focus on
- 11                expanding trees and foliage and reducing urban heat;
- 12        (10) One member from an organization representing the
- 13                automobile manufacturing industry; and
- 14        (11) Up to two members on the basis of their interest in
- 15                [highway] transportation safety[-] and related state
- 16                goals.
- 17        (b) The state highway safety council shall [advise]:
- 18                (1) Review programs, projects, plans, and strategies
- 19                related to improving safety in ground transportation
- 20                in the department of transportation;



- 1        (2) Ensure transparency and oversight in programs,
- 2                projects, decisions, and spending related to ground
- 3                transportation in the department of transportation;
- 4        (3) Establish metrics and benchmarks for the department of
- 5                transportation to ensure progress on state goals
- 6                related to ground transportation, safety, and other
- 7                related goals;
- 8        (4) Review projects in development and make
- 9                recommendations for how each might be improved, if
- 10               warranted, to better meet state goals, before project
- 11               plans and designs are finalized;
- 12        (5) Provide direction to the department of transportation
- 13               and make recommendations to the legislature as
- 14               necessary to ensure progress on state goals related to
- 15               ground transportation, safety, and other related
- 16               goals;
- 17        (6) Advise the governor, legislature, and public on
- 18               matters relating to the programs [and], activities,
- 19               projects, outcomes, and recommendations of the State
- 20               in the field of [highway] transportation safety[-];
- 21               and



1       (7) Submit an annual report to the department of  
2       transportation that reflects the work,  
3       responsibilities, and recommendations of the council.

4       (c) The members of the council shall serve without pay but  
5 shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while  
6 attending meetings and while in discharge of their duties."

7       SECTION 3. Members of the state highway safety council who  
8 are appointed and serving on the council prior to the effective  
9 date of this Act shall continue to serve any remaining time left  
10 in their terms; provided that their respective expertise aligns  
11 with the council membership requirements pursuant to this Act.

12       SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



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**Report Title:**

State Highway Safety Council; Composition; Duties

**Description:**

Amends the composition and duties of the state highway safety council. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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