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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

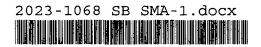
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that reports have named
Hawaii roads the most dangerous in the nation to pedestrians
aged sixty-five and over. In 2022, there were one hundred and
seventeen traffic-related fatalities in the State. This is an
increase from the ninety-five traffic-related fatalities that
occurred within the State in 2014.

7 The legislature further finds that it currently takes the 8 State five to seven years to make simple but urgent safety fixes 9 to better protect people. The legislature believes that the 10 State should enable critical safety projects to be implemented 11 faster, and at lower costs, to help save lives.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to increase traffic safety by allowing the director of transportation to exempt certain ground transportation facility projects from historic preservation review, the environmental impact statement law, and the Hawaii public procurement code under certain conditions.



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1	SECTION 2. Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
2	amended by adding a new section to part X to be appropriately	
3	designated and to read as follows:	
4	" <u>§264-</u> Traffic safety; exemptions; historic preservation	
5	review; environmental impact statement law; Hawaii public	
6	procureme	nt code. The director of transportation may exempt any
7	state or	county project under a ground transportation facilities
8	plan deve	loped pursuant to section 264-142 from:
9	(1)	Chapter 6E; provided that the project does not require
10		any excavation greater than twenty-four inches below
11		grade;
12	(2)	Chapter 343; provided that if the project is to be
13		constructed on land that is not directly under the
14		control of the department of transportation, the
15		department of transportation shall obtain a written
16		agreement with the governmental entity or landowner
17		that controls the land on which the project is to be
18		constructed; and
19	(3)	Chapter 103D; provided that the contract for the
20		project shall not be in excess of \$100,000;



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13 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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#### Report Title:

Traffic Safety; Department of Transportation; Construction Projects; Exemptions; Historic Preservation; Archeological Review; Environmental Impact Statement Law; Hawaii Public Procurement Code

#### Description:

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