

GOV. MSG. NO. 1276

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR KE KIA'ĀINA

July 2, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate, and Members of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 The Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 2, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2819 SD1 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY. **ACT 175**

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUL 2 2024

THE SENATE
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 175

S.B. NO. S.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended to read as follows: 3 "[+] §291C-41[+] Drive on right side of roadway; 4 exceptions. (a) Upon all roadways of sufficient width, a 5 vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway, 6 except as follows: 7 When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding (1)8 in the same direction under the rules governing [such] 9 the movement; 10 When an obstruction exists making it necessary to (2) 11 drive to the left of the center of the highway; 12 provided that any person so doing shall yield the 13 right-of-way to all vehicles traveling in the proper 14 direction upon the unobstructed portion of the highway 15 within [such] the distance [as to constitute] 16 constituting an immediate hazard; 17 Upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes for 18 traffic under the rules applicable thereon; or
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- (4) Upon a roadway designated and signposted <u>for</u> one-way
 traffic.
- 3 (b) Upon all roadways, any vehicle proceeding at less than
- 4 the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the
- 5 conditions then existing shall be driven in the right-hand lane
- 6 then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the
- 7 right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking
- 8 and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or
- 9 when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a
- 10 private road or driveway.
- 11 (c) Upon any roadway having four or more lanes for moving
- 12 traffic and providing for two-way movement of traffic, no
- 13 vehicle shall be driven to the left of the center line of the
- 14 roadway, except when authorized by official traffic-control
- 15 devices designating certain lanes to the left side of the center
- 16 of the roadway for use by traffic not otherwise permitted to use
- 17 [such] the lanes, or except as permitted under subsection
- 18 (a)(2). This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit the
- 19 crossing of the center line in making a left turn into or from
- 20 an alley, private road, or driveway.

- 1 (d) Upon any two-lane roadway providing for two-way
- 2 movement of traffic, any vehicle proceeding at ten miles per
- 3 hour or more below the posted speed limit where overtaking or
- 4 passing another vehicle is not possible or permitted, and a line
- 5 of five or more vehicles is following immediately behind, shall
- 6 move off the roadway at the nearest safe location where
- 7 sufficient space exists for trailing vehicles to overtake or
- 8 pass the vehicle, unless doing so would result in an unsafe
- 9 situation."
- 10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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APPROVED this

2nd

day of

July

, 2024

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

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Brian L. Takeshita

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives