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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 preservation of
2 public safety and efficient flow of traffic are essential
3 priorities in maintaining the well-being of the State's
4 communities. It is recognized that roadways and intersections
5 serve as critical junctions for mobility and connectivity. As
6 streets are shared spaces, their proper use is fundamental to
7 ensuring the safety of drivers, pedestrians, and all users of
8 public thoroughfares. Distracted driving has been identified as
9 a leading cause of accidents and injuries, posing a significant
10 risk to life and property, and creating disruptions that affect
11 everyone in the State.

12 The legislature further finds that addressing behaviors
13 that contribute to roadway hazards, by clearly defining and
14 curbing distractions at these critical points is critical to
15 public safety. The legislature concludes that there is a need
16 to enhance road safety, reduce traffic incidents, and promote a



1 culture of attentiveness and responsibility on the State's
2 roadways.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit any
4 person from engaging in any activity that has the intent and
5 effect of distracting drivers along streets, roadways, or other
6 public property within one hundred feet of an intersection.

7 SECTION 2. Section 291C-77, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 **"§291C-77 Pedestrians soliciting rides, business, or**
10 **attention of motorist.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by
11 county ordinance, no person shall stand in, walk along, or
12 otherwise occupy a portion of a highway for the purpose of
13 soliciting a ride, employment, business, or contributions from
14 the occupant of any vehicle.

15 (b) No person shall stand on or in proximity to a street
16 or highway for the purpose of soliciting the watching or
17 guarding of any vehicle while parked or about to be parked on a
18 street or highway.

19 (c) No person shall engage in commercial activity,
20 advertising, soliciting, or any other activity that has the
21 effect of distracting or drawing the attention of drivers along



1 any street, roadway, or other public place within one hundred
2 feet of an intersection with the intent or purpose of engaging
3 with drivers."

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 1194

Report Title:

Drivers; Pedestrian Duties; Public Property

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