
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 roadway safety is
2 the top transportation priority. Pedestrians, bicyclists, and
3 other vulnerable roadway users are disproportionately impacted
4 by traffic fatalities and injuries, which are on the rise.
5 Between the 2009 to 2013 and the 2014 to 2018 five-year time
6 periods, pedestrian fatalities across the State rose by
7 twenty-six per cent. Decades of automobile-centric planning and
8 development have created formidable mobility barriers, including
9 the lack of safe and accessible bicycle and pedestrian
10 infrastructure. Under *Navahine v. Hawai'i Department of*
11 *Transportation*, CIVIL NO. ICCV-22-0000631 (Hawaii Cir.Ct.), the
12 State has committed to completing its multimodal, bike and
13 pedestrian network within the next five years.

14 The legislature further finds that a disproportionately
15 high number of pedestrian injuries and deaths occur at
16 crosswalks and intersections. One solution proven to help
17 reduce these tragedies, is to allow both pedestrians and



1 motorists greater visibility as they enter into, and drive
2 through crosswalks.

3 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:

4 (1) Prohibit street parking within twenty feet on each
5 side of any crosswalk or intersection; and

6 (2) Specify that signs or curb markings shall not be
7 required to restrict parking within twenty feet of a
8 crosswalk or intersection; and

9 (3) Authorizing prohibited parking enforcement regardless
10 of the existence of signage or curb markings.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
13 and to read as follows:

14 "§291C- Street parking restrictions. (a) No vehicle
15 parking abutting the curb or edge of a vehicle travel way shall
16 be allowed within twenty feet of a crosswalk or intersection;
17 provided that any vehicle may be parked within the designated
18 buffer zone as applicable if the vehicle is:

19 (1) An authorized emergency vehicle performing the
20 functions under section 291C-26;



- 1 (2) An official federal, state, or county vehicle in the
2 performance of its duty;
- 3 (3) A stalled or broken vehicle;
- 4 (4) A vehicle necessary to assist a stalled or broken
5 vehicle;
- 6 (5) A vehicle necessary to yield to an authorized
7 emergency vehicle pursuant to section 291C-65; or
- 8 (6) Otherwise authorized by law.
- 9 (b) The prohibition on parking within twenty feet of a
10 crosswalk or intersection pursuant to subsection (a) may be
11 enforced regardless of the presence or absence of official signs
12 or curb markings."

13 SECTION 3. Section 291C-111, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 "(b) The director of transportation, the counties, and
16 owners of private highways, with the consent of the county
17 official responsible for traffic control with respect to
18 highways under their respective jurisdictions shall place signs
19 or curb markings that are clearly visible to an ordinarily
20 observant person prohibiting or restricting the stopping,
21 standing, or parking of vehicles on the highway[~~Such~~];



1 provided that any sign or curb marking shall not be required to
2 restrict parking within twenty feet of a crosswalk or
3 intersection in accordance with section 291C- . The signs or
4 curb markings shall be official signs and markings and no person
5 shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle in violation of the
6 restrictions stated on [~~such~~] the signs or markings."

7 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
9 begun before its effective date.

10 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Report Title:

DOT; Street Parking; Restrictions; Pedestrian Safety; Exemptions

Description:

Establishes buffer zones that ban street parking within certain distances of crosswalks under certain posted speed limits. Authorizes the enforcement of prohibited parking regardless of signage or curb markings. Specifies that signs or curb marking shall not be required to restrict parking within twenty feet of a crosswalk or intersection. Designates exemptions. (SD1)

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