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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. Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§264-       National Association of City Transportation  
5 Officials' standards; American Association of State Highway and  
6 Transportation Officials' standards. (a) When planning and  
7 managing state highways, in areas where state highways bisect  
8 communities with residential areas and commercial areas  
9 immediately along a highway, design features and speeds shall be  
10 determined by the National Association of City Transportation  
11 Officials' standards, which are better suited for lower speed  
12 urban and rural communities.

13           (b) In areas where state highways do not bisect  
14 communities with residential areas and commercial areas  
15 immediately along a highway, design features and speeds shall be  
16 determined by American Association of State Highway and



1 Transportation Officials' standards, which are better suited for  
2 the efficient movement of vehicles and people."

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
5 designated and to read as follows:

6 "§286- State highway safety and modernization council;  
7 photo red light imaging detector systems; additional  
8 responsibilities. (a) The state highway safety and  
9 modernization council shall:

10 (1) Identify the one hundred most-dangerous intersections  
11 in the State based on fatality, injury, and crash data  
12 since January 1, 2014;

13 (2) Examine and identify vehicles or classes of vehicles  
14 that are more dangerous and likely to cause fatalities  
15 and injuries on the State's roadways;

16 (3) Examine vehicle weight, registration, and other  
17 related taxes or fees throughout the United States;

18 (4) Examine and identify communities and areas where there  
19 is a single ingress or egress, or otherwise limited  
20 access, that may create risk to communities during  
21 emergencies;



- 1       (5) Develop proposals for minimal emergency ingress and  
2       egress routes that shall be accessible to vehicles as  
3       one-way exit routes during emergencies or extreme  
4       congestion where emergency services may be jeopardized  
5       but may be available for pedestrian, bicycle, or  
6       similar access;
- 7       (6) Prioritize proposals for emergency egress routes in  
8       areas with significant populations of Asset Limited,  
9       Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) households, as  
10      well as communities and households experiencing high  
11      levels of poverty. Consideration shall be given to  
12      data from sources such as the United Way ALICE report;  
13      United States Census Bureau American Community Survey;  
14      Hawaii household data from the United States  
15      Department of Housing and Urban Development and  
16      department of business, economic development, and  
17      tourism; tax and social services data; geographic  
18      information system mapping; economic studies; and any  
19      other relevant data sources; and
- 20      (7) Submit:



1           (A) A list of five areas, with at least one area to  
2           be considered on the Waianae coast of Oahu, to be  
3           addressed from the developed proposals for  
4           minimal emergency ingress and egress routes under  
5           paragraph (5) to the department of  
6           transportation; and

7           (B) Recommendations, including any proposed  
8           legislation, to the legislature,  
9           no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
10          the regular session of 2026;

11          provided that this section shall be implemented in compliance  
12          with applicable federal and state emergency management  
13          regulations to ensure alignment with established disaster  
14          response and evacuation protocols.

15          (b) The state highway safety and modernization council, in  
16          coordination with the department of transportation, may select  
17          up to ten intersections where the department of transportation  
18          may install photo red light imaging detector systems in addition  
19          to those currently operating, pursuant to chapter 291J, where  
20          feasible on an annual basis; provided that signals shall be  
21          changed so pedestrians have no less than a four-second lead time

1 to begin crossing the intersection before vehicles being  
2 permitted to proceed at each intersection where a photo red  
3 light imaging detector system is installed; provided further  
4 that citations shall not be issued for any photo red light  
5 imaging detector system installed pursuant to this subsection  
6 before July 1, 2027.

7 (c) The department of transportation and county  
8 transportation agencies shall assist the state highway safety  
9 and modernization council in developing actionable projects to  
10 implement for areas of minimal emergency ingress and egress.

11 (d) The state highway safety and modernization council  
12 shall submit an annual report of its findings and  
13 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
15 each regular session."

16 SECTION 3. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately  
18 designated and to read as follows:

19 "**§291C- Vehicles blocking crosswalks.** Vehicles stopped  
20 on and blocking any marked crosswalk at any time shall be  
21 subject to a fine no greater than \$500, excepting situations of



1 emergency or unless ordered by law enforcement. The placement  
2 of signs or curb markings at the crosswalk shall not be  
3 necessary for the purposes of enforcing this section.

4 §291C- Safe routes to school advisory committee;  
5 automated speed enforcement systems; school zones. (a) The  
6 safe routes to school advisory committee, in coordination with  
7 the department of transportation, shall identify ten of the  
8 most-dangerous school zones in the State based on fatality,  
9 injury, and crash data since January 1, 2014, and any outreach  
10 and complaints from schools and the surrounding community, where  
11 feasible on an annual basis.

12 (b) The department of transportation or county  
13 transportation agencies may install additional automated speed  
14 enforcement systems pursuant to chapter 291L, at school zone  
15 locations that the safe routes to school advisory committee  
16 identifies as dangerous; provided that any enforcement system  
17 shall be positioned no more than two hundred feet from the  
18 school property in each school zone; provided further that  
19 citations shall not be issued for any automated speed  
20 enforcement system installed pursuant to this subsection before  
21 July 1, 2027.



1        (c) The safe routes to school advisory committee shall  
2 submit an annual report of its findings and recommendations,  
3 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later  
4 than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular  
5 session."

6        SECTION 4. Chapter 291J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
8 and to read as follows:

9        "§291J-        Expansion of program; impact on courts. Any  
10 expansion of the photo red light imaging detector systems  
11 program shall account for its impact on the district courts  
12 statewide and provide up to twelve months from the time of  
13 identification for the courts to collaborate with the department  
14 before implementing any expansion of the programs."

15        SECTION 5. Chapter 291L, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
17 and to read as follows:

18        "§291L-        Expansion of program; impact on courts. Any  
19 expansion of the automated speed enforcement systems program  
20 shall account for its impact on the district courts statewide  
21 and provide up to twelve months from the time of identification



1 for the courts to collaborate with the department of  
2 transportation before implementing any expansion of the  
3 programs."

4 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
8 year 2026-2027 for the department of transportation to  
9 coordinate with the metropolitan planning organizations for  
10 training and education for all levels of government focused on  
11 traffic safety, multimodal and pedestrian infrastructure, and  
12 other priorities as may be appropriate.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
14 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
18 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
19 year 2026-2027 for the department of transportation to  
20 effectuate the purposes of this Act; provided that the  
21 department of transportation may transfer all or a portion of



1 the appropriation in this section to county agencies to  
2 effectuate the purposes of this Act.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2026-2027 to update the judiciary's information management  
10 system to pull data from law enforcement traffic citations and  
11 transfer the data into court records.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary  
13 for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 9. If any provision of this Act, or the  
15 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held  
16 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or  
17 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the  
18 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions  
19 of this Act are severable.



1 SECTION 10. This Act does not affect rights and duties  
2 that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that  
3 were begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 11. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

DOT; State Highway Safety and Modernization Council; Safe Routes to Schools Advisory Committee; Annual Reports; District Courts; Appropriations

**Description:**

Requires, when planning and managing state highways, in certain areas to be determined by certain national standards. Establishes requirements for the State Highway Safety and Modernization Council. Authorizes the State Highway Safety and Modernization Council to select potential areas for the Department of Transportation to install additional photo red light imaging detector systems. Prohibits any vehicles from blocking marked crosswalks. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to implement additional automated speed enforcement systems in school zones as designated by the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee. Requires annual reports. Requires the Department of Transportation to collaborate with the courts before any expansion of the photo red light imaging detector and automated speed enforcement systems. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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