
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 Part I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that roadway safety is a
3 top transportation priority. Pedestrians, bicyclists, and other
4 vulnerable roadway users are disproportionately impacted by
5 traffic fatalities and injuries. Between the periods from 2009
6 to 2013 and 2014 and 2018, pedestrian fatalities across the
7 State rose by twenty-six per cent. Decades of automobile-centric
8 planning and development have created formidable mobility
9 barriers, including the lack of safe and accessible bicycle and
10 pedestrian infrastructure. As part of the settlement agreement
11 under *Navahine v. Hawaii Department of Transportation*, the State
12 committed to completing its multimodal bike and pedestrian
13 network within the next five years.

14 The legislature further finds that a disproportionately
15 high number of pedestrian injuries occur at signalized
16 intersections. To address these issues, some localities have
17 been pursuing leading pedestrian intervals programs. Leading



1 pedestrian intervals programs typically give pedestrians a three
2 to seven second head start when entering an intersection with a
3 corresponding green signal in the same direction of travel.

4 Leading pedestrian intervals programs enhance the visibility of
5 pedestrians in the intersection and reinforce their right-of-way
6 over turning vehicles, especially in locations with a history of
7 conflict. Where installed, leading pedestrian intervals
8 programs have been shown to reduce pedestrian-vehicle collisions
9 as much as sixty per cent.

10 The purpose of this Act is to:

11 (1) Require and appropriate funds for the department of
12 transportation to install traffic actuated signals,
13 including leading pedestrian interval and accessible
14 pedestrian signals and detectors; and

15 (2) Impose an additional fee of \$5 for a certificate of
16 registration, to be deposited into the safe routes to
17 school program special fund.

18 Part II

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



1 "§291C- Traffic-actuated signals; leading pedestrian
2 interval; accessible pedestrian signal and detector. (a) Upon
3 the first placement or replacement of a state owned or operated
4 traffic actuated signal, a traffic actuated signal shall be
5 installed and maintained to have a leading pedestrian interval
6 and shall include the installation, activation, and maintenance
7 of an accessible pedestrian signal and detector.

8 (b) The department of transportation shall install a
9 leading pedestrian signal on no less than twenty-five existing
10 intersections with traffic actuated signals on an annual basis.
11 In installing a leading pedestrian signal, the department of
12 transportation shall prioritize installation of leading
13 pedestrian signals at intersections with high collision rates.

14 (c) An existing state owned or operated traffic actuated
15 signal capable of being implemented with remote installation or
16 in-person programming shall have a leading pedestrian interval
17 programmed when maintenance work is done on the intersection in
18 which the traffic actuated signal is located if it is located
19 in:

20 (1) A residential district;

21 (2) A business district;



1 (3) A business activity district;

2 (4) A safety corridor;

3 (5) A school zone; or

4 (6) An area with a high concentration of pedestrians and
5 cyclists, as determined by the department of
6 transportation.

7 (d) For purposes of this section:

8 "Accessible pedestrian signal and detector" means an
9 integrated device that communicates information about the "WALK"
10 and "DON'T WALK" intervals at signalized intersections in
11 nonvisual formats, including audible tones, speech messages, and
12 vibrotactile surfaces, to pedestrians who are blind or have low
13 vision.

14 "Intersections with high collision rates" means
15 intersections where one or more collisions with a pedestrian or
16 bicyclist, resulting in a serious injury or fatality, has
17 occurred in the last ten years.

18 "Leading pedestrian interval" means an official traffic
19 control signal that advances the "WALK" signal for three to
20 seven seconds while the red signal halting traffic continues to
21 be displayed on parallel through or turning traffic."



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$599,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2026-2027 for the installation or replacement of state-owned or
6 operated traffic actuated signals with leading pedestrian
7 interval and accessible pedestrian signals and detectors.

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

10 Part III

11 SECTION 4. Section 286-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 **"§286-51 Registration, expense.** (a) The certificate of
14 registration for each motor vehicle in the counties of the State
15 shall be renewed on a staggered basis as established by each
16 county. The director of finance of each county may adopt rules
17 to carry out the purposes stated in this section and shall
18 expend the funds from the director's operating funds as may be
19 necessary for these purposes; provided that if the director has
20 ascertained as of the date of the application that:



- 1 (1) The registered owner has not deposited or paid bail
2 with respect to any summons or citation issued to the
3 registered owner for stopping, standing, or parking in
4 violation of traffic ordinances within the county;
- 5 (2) The registered owner of a motor carrier vehicle, as
6 defined in section 286-201, has not resolved any
7 outstanding federal operations out-of-service orders
8 issued by the United States Secretary of
9 Transportation; or
- 10 (3) The registered owner has outstanding charges and fines
11 owed to the county relating to the disposition of an
12 abandoned vehicle, including for costs related to
13 towing, storage, processing, and disposal,
14 the director may require, as a condition precedent to the
15 renewal, that the registered owner deposit or pay bail with
16 respect to all such summonses or citations, resolve all federal
17 operations out-of-service orders, or pay all outstanding charges
18 and fines relating to the disposition of the abandoned vehicle.
19 The payment of all outstanding charges or fines relating to the
20 disposition of the abandoned vehicle shall not be a condition
21 precedent to the transfer if the abandoned vehicle was stolen or



1 taken from the registered owner without permission or
2 authorization and a police report for the abandoned vehicle is
3 filed within a period of time, to be determined by the director
4 of finance of each county, after discovery of the abandoned
5 vehicle. The certificates of registration issued hereunder
6 shall show, in addition to all information required under
7 section 286-47, the serial number of the tag or emblem and shall
8 be valid during the registration year only for which they are
9 issued. Any certificate of registration belonging to a motor
10 carrier shall be suspended or revoked when that motor carrier
11 has been issued any federal operations out-of-service orders by
12 the United States Secretary of Transportation and that
13 certificate of registration shall remain suspended or revoked
14 until all the federal operations out-of-service orders are
15 resolved. The certificates of ownership need not be renewed
16 annually but shall remain valid as to any interest shown therein
17 until canceled by the director of finance as provided by law or
18 replaced by new certificates of ownership as hereinafter
19 provided.

20 (b) This part shall be administered by the director of
21 finance in conjunction with the requirements of sections 249-1



1 to 249-13 and shall entail no additional expense or charge to
2 the person registering the ownership of a motor vehicle other
3 than as provided by this section or by other laws; provided that
4 for each new certificate of ownership issued by the director of
5 finance under section 286-52, the director of finance may charge
6 a fee which shall be deposited in the general fund. The fees
7 charged to issue a new certificate of ownership shall be
8 established by the county's legislative body.

9 (c) In addition to any other fee collected for a
10 certificate of registration, there shall be imposed a fee of \$5.
11 Moneys collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited
12 into the safe routes to school program special fund established
13 pursuant to section 291C-4.

14 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, an
15 additional fee of [~~not~~] no more than \$2 for each certificate of
16 registration for all motor vehicles may be established by
17 ordinance and collected annually by the director of finance of
18 each county, to be used and administered by each county:

19 (1) For the purpose of beautification and other related
20 activities of highways under the ownership, control,
21 and jurisdiction of each county;



(2) To defray the additional cost in the disposition and other related activities of abandoned or derelict vehicles as prescribed in chapter 290. For the purposes of this paragraph, other related activities shall include but need not be limited to any and all storage fees that are negotiated between each county and a towing company contracted by the county to remove and dispose of abandoned or derelict vehicles; and

(3) To mitigate and address the impacts of tourism-related traffic congestion.

The \$2 fee established pursuant to this subsection for certificates of registration for all motor vehicles may be increased by ordinance up to a maximum of \$10. The moneys so assessed and collected shall be placed in a revolving fund entitled, "the highway beautification, abandoned vehicle, and tourism-related traffic congestion revolving fund".

SECTION 5. Section 291C-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) The department of transportation shall expend funds from the safe routes to school program special fund established



1 pursuant to section 291C-4 in coordination with the safe routes
2 to school advisory committee to be used ~~[for]~~:

3 (1) For the implementation of the safe routes to school
4 program plan and projects pursuant to section 291C-
5 6(b) (2) and (3) [-]; or

6 (2) To match any federal funds received by the State for
7 costs related to sidewalk and other infrastructure
8 planning, development, and construction.

9 No later than twenty days prior to the convening of each
10 regular session, each county shall submit to the legislature an
11 annual report on the status and progress of its county safe
12 routes to school program, including an accounting of all grants
13 provided through the program and a timeline for future grant
14 awards."

15 SECTION 6. Section 291C-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 **"§291C-4 Safe routes to school program special fund;**
18 **establishment.** There is established in the state treasury the
19 safe routes to school program special fund, into which shall be
20 deposited:



- 1 (1) Assessments collected for speeding in a school zone,
2 pursuant to section 291C-104; [~~and~~]
3 (2) Safe routes to school program surcharges collected in
4 accordance with sections 291-16 and 291C-5[~~-~~]; and
5 (3) Moneys collected pursuant to section 286-51(c)."

6 PART IV

7 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

10 INTRODUCED BY:



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H.B. NO. 1471

Report Title:

Traffic Actuated Signal; Leading Pedestrian Interval; Accessible Pedestrian Signal and Detector; Motor Vehicle; Certificate of Registration; Additional Fee; Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund

Description:

Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Transportation to install traffic actuated signals, including leading pedestrian intervals and accessible pedestrian signals and detectors. Imposes an additional fee of \$5 for a certificate of registration for motor vehicles, to be deposited into the Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund.

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