
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

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

(b) In areas where state highways do not bisect communities with residential areas and commercial areas immediately along a highway, design features and speeds shall be 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 as follows:

18 1. By adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
19 designated and to read:

20 **"§291C-A Safe routes to school advisory committee;**
21 **automated speed enforcement systems; school zones.** (a) The



safe routes to school advisory committee, in coordination with the department of transportation, shall identify ten of the most-dangerous school zones in the State based on fatality, injury, and crash data since January 1, 2014, and any outreach and complaints from schools and the surrounding community, where feasible on an annual basis.

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

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



2. By adding a new section to part VII to be appropriately designated and read:

"§291C-B Vehicles blocking crosswalks. Vehicles stopped on and blocking any marked crosswalk at any time, except during emergencies or when ordered by law enforcement, shall be subject to a fine no greater than \$500. The placement of signs or curb markings at the crosswalk shall not be necessary for the purposes of enforcing this section."

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

"§291J- Expansion of program; impact on courts. Any expansion of the photo red light imaging detector systems program shall account for its impact on the district courts statewide and provide up to twelve months from the time an area is selected for installation of a photo red light imaging detector system pursuant to section 286- for the judiciary to collaborate with the department before implementing any expansion of the program."



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

"§291L- Expansion of program; impact on courts. Any expansion of the automated speed enforcement systems program shall account for its impact on the district courts statewide and provide up to twelve months from the time an area is selected for installation of an automated speed enforcement system pursuant to section 291C-A for the judiciary to collaborate with the department before implementing any expansion of the program."

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



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

3 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2026-2027 for the department of transportation to
8 effectuate the purposes of this Act.

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

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

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary
19 for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 9. If any provision of this Act, or the
21 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held



1 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
2 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
3 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
4 of this Act are severable.

5 SECTION 10. This Act does not affect rights and duties
6 that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that
7 were begun before its effective date.

8 SECTION 11. In codifying the new sections added by section
9 3 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
10 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
11 the new sections in this Act.

12 SECTION 12. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 13. 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 Judiciary before any expansion of the photo red light imaging detector and automated speed enforcement systems. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)

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