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GOVERNOR
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GOV. MSG. NO. 1195

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 5, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 5, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1692, H.D. 2, S.D. 2,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.
ACT 095

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's roadways
3 may present safety risks to individuals that are stopped on the
4 shoulder or roadside due to a disabled vehicle. Although
5 existing law requires motorists to slow down and move over when
6 approaching certain emergency vehicles, the law allows unsafe
7 passing for all other vehicles. According to the National
8 Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly three thousand six
9 hundred fatalities occurred nationwide between 2014 and 2022
10 when ordinary drivers and passengers were stranded in or near
11 their disabled vehicles.

12 The legislature further finds that, as of 2025, twenty-nine
13 states have enacted comprehensive "move over" laws to cover all
14 disabled vehicles displaying hazard warning lights or other
15 recognized safety signals.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to require drivers
2 approaching stationary vehicles displaying warning signals to
3 slow down and make a lane change if possible and safe to do so.

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

7 "§291C- Stationary vehicle stopped for emergencies;
8 duty of approaching vehicle. (a) A driver of a vehicle that is
9 approaching a stationary vehicle stopped in any location on the
10 roadway or shoulder, as indicated by reasonable warning signals,
11 including vehicle hazard warning lights, road flares, traffic
12 cones, caution signs, or any other vehicular or nonvehicular
13 warning signs of the stopped stationary vehicle, shall slow down
14 to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe under the
15 circumstances, and, if it is possible and safe to do so, make a
16 lane change to an adjacent lane; provided that if a lane change
17 is not possible or safe, the driver shall continue at a
18 reasonable and prudent speed and come to a complete stop if
19 necessary.



1 shall operate the vehicle with a passenger seated in the bed or
2 load-carrying area of the vehicle unless:

3 (1) There is no seating available in the cab of the
4 vehicle;

5 (2) The side racks of the vehicle are securely attached
6 and the tailboard or tailgate is securely closed; and

7 (3) Every passenger in the bed or load-carrying area of
8 the vehicle is seated on the floor and does not
9 attempt to control unlash cargo.

10 (b) This section shall not apply to ~~[persons]~~:

11 (1) Persons or corporations operating a business or
12 businesses that serve the public, who or ~~[which]~~ that
13 are subject to the jurisdiction, supervision, and
14 regulations prescribed by state agencies or
15 departments nor to their agents or employees when
16 engaged in the business of ~~[such]~~ these persons or
17 corporations~~[=]~~;

18 (2) Persons operating a pickup truck for the
19 transportation of agricultural or farm workers;

20 (3) Law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services
21 vehicles engaged in official duties; and



1 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 5. If any provision of this Act, or the
5 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
6 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
7 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
8 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
9 of this Act are severable.

10 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



H.B. NO.

1692
H.D. 2
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 5th day of June, 2026

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1692, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

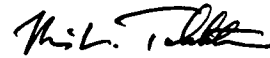
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives

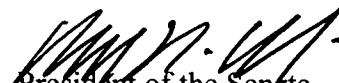


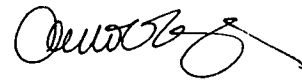
Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate