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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TOWING PRACTICES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that parking enforcement  
2 and towing practices on state and state-leased lands are  
3 currently administered through fragmented systems, inconsistent  
4 standards, and varying contractual arrangements that lack  
5 uniform consumer protections, transparency, accessibility  
6 safeguards, and public accountability.

7           The legislature further finds that inconsistent enforcement  
8 authority, inadequate notice requirements, improper towing of  
9 vehicles used by persons with disabilities, coercive or cash-  
10 only payment practices, and the absence of centralized public  
11 reporting have undermined public trust and, in some cases,  
12 interfered with rights protected under federal law.

13           The purpose of this Act is to establish a uniform towing  
14 practices for public parking facilities working group to examine  
15 existing state and county laws, ordinances, rules, and  
16 administrative practices relating to towing from public parking



1 facilities and develop recommendations for uniform standards  
2 applicable to towing from state and county parking facilities.

3 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the uniform towing  
4 practices for public parking facilities working group within the  
5 department of transportation for administrative purposes. The  
6 working group shall:

- 7 (1) Review existing state and county laws, ordinances,  
8 rules, and administrative practices relating to towing  
9 from public parking facilities;
- 10 (2) Examine standards for notice, signage, fee  
11 transparency, storage practices, release procedures,  
12 and dispute resolutions;
- 13 (3) Identify inconsistencies among jurisdictions and  
14 assess impacts on vehicle owners and operators;
- 15 (4) Develop recommendations for uniform minimum standards  
16 applicable to towing from state and county parking  
17 facilities, including due process protections and  
18 consumer transparency requirements; and
- 19 (5) Recommend whether legislation, administrative  
20 rulemaking, or intergovernmental agreements are  
21 necessary to implement uniform practices.



- 1 (b) The working group shall consist of the following  
2 members:
- 3 (1) The director of transportation, or the director's  
4 designee;
- 5 (2) The director of commerce and consumer affairs, or the  
6 director's designee;
- 7 (3) The attorney general, or the attorney general's  
8 designee;
- 9 (4) The chairperson of the board of land and natural  
10 resources, or the chairperson's designee;
- 11 (5) The chief of police of the city and county of  
12 Honolulu, or the chief's designee;
- 13 (6) A representative of a county police department from a  
14 neighbor island, to be appointed by the applicable  
15 mayor, or the mayor's designee;
- 16 (7) A representative of a licensed towing company, to be  
17 appointed by the governor;
- 18 (8) A representative of a county department responsible  
19 for public parking management, to be appointed by the  
20 governor;



- 1 (9) A representative of a consumer protection or civil  
2 legal services organization, to be appointed by the  
3 president of the senate;
- 4 (10) The executive director of the disability and  
5 communication access board or the executive director's  
6 designee;
- 7 (11) A member of the public with experience in  
8 transportation, municipal operations, or property  
9 management, to be appointed by the speaker of the  
10 house of representatives; and
- 11 (12) A member of the public from each county to be invited  
12 by the director of transportation.
- 13 (c) The director of transportation, or director's  
14 designee, shall designate the chairperson of the working group.
- 15 (d) The members of the working group shall serve without  
16 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses,  
17 including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their  
18 duties.
- 19 (e) The working group shall submit a report of its  
20 findings and recommendations, including any proposed



1 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2027.

3 (f) The working group shall cease to exist on June 30,  
4 2027.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

DOT; Disability and Communication Access Board; Working Group;  
Uniform Towing Practices for Public Parking Facilities; Uniform  
Standards

**Description:**

Establishes a Uniform Towing Practices for Public Parking  
Facilities Working Group within the Department of Transportation  
to examine existing state and county laws, ordinances, rules,  
and administrative practices relating to towing from public  
parking facilities and develop recommendations for uniform  
standards applicable to towing from state and county parking  
facilities. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective  
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