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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OUTDOOR SIGNAGE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 445-112, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§445-112 Where and when permitted.** No person shall  
4 erect, maintain, or use a billboard or display any outdoor  
5 advertising device, except as provided in this section:

6 (1) The display of official notices and signs, posted by  
7 order of any court or public office, or posted by any  
8 public officer in the performance of a public duty, or  
9 posted by any person required to do so by any law or  
10 rule having the force of law;

11 (2) Any outdoor advertising device announcing a meeting or  
12 series of meetings is not prohibited by this section  
13 if displayed on the premises where the meeting or  
14 series of meetings will be or is being held. Meeting,  
15 as used in this section, includes all meetings  
16 regardless of whether open to the public or conducted  
17 for profit and includes but is not limited to sports



- 1 events, conventions, fairs, rallies, plays, lectures,  
2 concerts, motion pictures, dances, and religious  
3 services;
- 4 (3) Any outdoor advertising device indicating that the  
5 building or premises on which it is displayed is the  
6 residence, office, or place of business, commercial or  
7 otherwise, of any individual, partnership, joint  
8 venture, association, club, or corporation, and  
9 stating the nature of the business;
- 10 (4) Any outdoor advertising device that advertises  
11 property or services that may be bought, rented, sold,  
12 or otherwise traded in on the premises or in the  
13 building on which the outdoor advertising device is  
14 displayed;
- 15 (5) The offering for sale of merchandise bearing  
16 incidental advertising, including books, magazines,  
17 and newspapers, in any store, newsstand, vending  
18 machine, rack, or other place where such merchandise  
19 is regularly sold;
- 20 (6) Any outdoor advertising device offering any land,  
21 building, or part of a building for sale or rent, if



- 1 displayed on the property so offered or on the  
2 building so offered;
- 3 (7) Any outdoor advertising device carried by persons or  
4 placed upon vehicles used for the transportation of  
5 persons or goods, except as provided under section  
6 445-112.5, relating to vehicular advertising devices;
- 7 (8) Any outdoor advertising device warning the public of  
8 dangerous conditions that they may encounter in nearby  
9 sections of streets, roads, paths, public places,  
10 power lines, gas and water mains, or other public  
11 utilities;
- 12 (9) Signs serving no commercial purpose that indicate  
13 places of natural beauty, or of historical or cultural  
14 interest and that are made according to designs  
15 approved by the department of business, economic  
16 development, and tourism;
- 17 (10) Any outdoor advertising device or billboard erected,  
18 placed, or maintained upon a state office building, if  
19 erected, placed, or maintained by authority of a state  
20 agency, department, or officer for the sole purpose of  
21 announcing cultural or educational events within the



- 1 State, and if the design and location thereof has been  
2 approved by the department of business, economic  
3 development, and tourism;
- 4 (11) Signs urging voters to vote for or against any person  
5 or issue[7] may be erected, maintained, and used,  
6 except where contrary to or prohibited by law;
- 7 (12) Signs stating that a residence that is offered for  
8 sale, lease, or rent is open for inspection at the  
9 actual time the sign is displayed and showing the  
10 route to the residence; provided that the sign  
11 contains no words or designs other than the words  
12 "Open House", the address of the residence, the name  
13 of the person or agency responsible for the sale, and  
14 an arrow or other directional symbol and is removed  
15 during such time as the residence is not open for  
16 inspection;
- 17 (13) The erection, maintenance, and use of billboards if  
18 the billboard is used solely for outdoor advertising  
19 devices not prohibited by this section;
- 20 (14) The continued display and maintenance of outdoor  
21 advertising devices actually displayed on July 8,



1           1965, in accordance with all laws and ordinances  
2           immediately theretofore in effect;

3           (15) The continued maintenance of any billboard actually  
4           maintained on July 8, 1965, and the display thereon of  
5           the same or new advertising devices, all in accordance  
6           with all laws and ordinances in effect immediately  
7           prior to July 9, 1965;

8           (16) Any outdoor advertising device, displayed with the  
9           authorization of the [~~University~~] university of  
10          Hawaii, on any scoreboard of any stadium owned by the  
11          university. An outdoor advertising device displayed  
12          under this paragraph shall be on the front of the  
13          scoreboard and face the interior of the stadium;

14          (17) Any temporary outdoor advertising device attached to  
15          or supported by the structure of any stadium owned by  
16          the [~~University~~] university of Hawaii, located within  
17          and facing the interior of the stadium, and authorized  
18          to be displayed by the university. For the [~~purpose~~]  
19          purposes of this paragraph, "temporary" means  
20          displayed for a short period before the official start  
21          of organized athletic competition, during the



1 organized athletic competition, and for a short period  
2 after the official end of the organized athletic  
3 competition;

4 (18) Any outdoor advertising device~~[r]~~ or digital outdoor  
5 signage device displayed with the authorization of the  
6 stadium authority~~[r-on]~~:

7 (A) On any scoreboard of any stadium operated by the  
8 stadium authority~~[.—An]~~; provided that an  
9 outdoor advertising device or digital outdoor  
10 signage device displayed under this ~~[paragraph]~~  
11 subparagraph shall be on the front of the  
12 scoreboard and face the interior of the  
13 stadium~~[r]~~ and shall not be displayed on top of  
14 the stadium and facing a state highway; or

15 (B) In the stadium development district.  
16 For the purposes of this paragraph, "digital outdoor  
17 signage device" means any outdoor advertising device  
18 displaying a message that may be changed by electronic  
19 processes or designed to attract attention by the  
20 inclusion of a flashing, changing, revolving, or  
21 flickering light source or change in light intensity.



1           "Digital outdoor signage device" includes signs with  
2           electronically generated or controlled images, such as  
3           electronic programmable message signs, digital signs,  
4           and plasma or light-emitting diode (LED) signs; and

5       (19) Any outdoor advertising device, displayed with the  
6           authorization of the city and county of Honolulu, on  
7           the scoreboard of the Waipio peninsula soccer stadium.

8           The outdoor advertising device shall be:

- 9           (A) Attached to the bottom of the scoreboard;
- 10          (B) No longer than the width of the scoreboard; and
- 11          (C) No higher than twenty-five per cent of the
- 12               scoreboard height.

13           The scoreboard shall be no larger than twenty-eight  
14           feet by ten feet. Any outdoor advertising device  
15           displayed pursuant to this paragraph shall be on the  
16           front of the scoreboard and face the interior of the  
17           stadium; provided that the outdoor advertising device  
18           shall not be visible from any thoroughfare."

19           SECTION 2. (a) The department of business, economic  
20           development, and tourism shall conduct a study on the impacts of  
21           light pollution associated with the use of digital outdoor



1 signage devices displayed in a stadium or within the stadium  
2 development district pursuant to section 445-112(18), Hawaii  
3 Revised Statutes. The study shall include an analysis of the  
4 impacts of light pollution on communities surrounding the  
5 stadium development district.

6 (b) The department of business, economic development, and  
7 tourism shall submit a report of its findings and  
8 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
9 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
10 the regular session of 2027.

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Stadium Authority; Outdoor Advertising; Digital Outdoor Signage Devices; Stadium Development District; DBEDT; Light Pollution; Study

**Description:**

Allows the display of outdoor advertising devices, including digital outdoor signage devices, within the Stadium Development District with the authorization of the Stadium Authority and subject to certain conditions. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to conduct a study on the impacts of light pollution and report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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