
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~[+]§291C-55[+]~~ **Oversized commercial vehicles; prohibition**
4 **from using left lane.** (a) Upon any roadway having three or
5 more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction, no
6 commercial vehicle weighing ten thousand pounds or more nor any
7 motor vehicle towing a vehicle or trailer, as defined in section
8 286-2, shall be driven in the far left lane unless[+]

9 ~~(1) The commercial vehicle is able to maintain speed with~~
10 ~~existing traffic flow; and~~

11 ~~(2) The] the commercial vehicle or motor vehicle towing a~~
12 vehicle or trailer is in the process of overtaking and
13 passing another vehicle proceeding in the same
14 direction under the rules governing such movement.

15 (b) This section shall not apply to ~~[commercial vehicles]~~:

16 (1) Commercial vehicles or motor vehicles towing a vehicle
17 or trailer occupying the left lane for the purpose of



1 turning left or exiting, or preparing to turn left or
2 exit[~~-~~]; and

3 (2) Authorized emergency vehicles and motor vehicles used
4 for public transit, school buses, tour buses, or other
5 commercially operated passenger buses.

6 (c) A violation of this section shall subject the violator
7 to the following penalties:

8 (1) For a first violation, or any violation not preceded
9 within three years of a prior violation, a fine of not
10 more than \$250;

11 (2) For a second violation committed within three years of
12 a prior violation, a fine of not more than \$500; and

13 (3) For a third or subsequent violation committed within
14 three years of a prior violation, a fine of not more
15 than \$1,000, attendance at a traffic safety course, or
16 both.

17 (d) This section shall apply only to a county with a
18 population of five hundred thousand or more.

19 [~~e~~] (e) For the purposes of this section, "commercial
20 vehicle" [~~shall have~~] has the same meaning as in section



1 291-11.5. "Commercial vehicle" does not include buses or van
2 pools operated by the counties."

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

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Report Title:

Traffic Code; Oversized Commercial Vehicles; Towing;
Restrictions; Penalties

Description:

Amends the prohibition on the use of the far left lane by commercial vehicles on roadways with three or more lanes going in the same direction. Restricts motor vehicles towing a vehicle or trailer from using the far left lane, subject to specified exemptions. Establishes penalties for violations. Applies restrictions and penalties to a county with a population of 500,000 or more. (CD1)

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