
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) Violation of any of the provisions of this section
7 shall subject the violator to the following penalties:

8 (1) For a first violation under this section, the person
9 shall be fined no more than \$250;

10 (2) For a second violation under this section, the person
11 shall be fined no more than \$500; and

12 (3) For a third or subsequent violation committed within
13 three years of a violation under this section, the
14 person shall be fined no more than \$1,000, attend a
15 traffic safety course, or both.

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

18 [~~e~~] (e) For the purposes of this section, "commercial
19 vehicle" shall have the same meaning as in section 291-11.5.
20 "Commercial vehicle" does not include buses or van pools
21 operated by the counties."



1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

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

Description:

Prohibits certain commercial vehicles from the far left lane on roads with three or more lanes going in the same direction. Restricts motor vehicles that tow a motor vehicle or trailer from the far left lane on roads with three or more lanes going in the same direction with exemptions. Specifies penalties for restricted motor vehicles who drive in the far left lane on roads with three or more lanes moving in the same direction. Applies restrictions and penalties to a county with a population of 500,000 or more. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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