
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 no
10 more than \$250;

11 (2) For a second violation committed within three years of
12 a prior violation, a fine of no more than \$500; and

13 (3) For a third or subsequent violation committed within
14 three years of a prior violation, a fine of no 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 291-



1 11.5. "Commercial vehicle" does not include buses or van pools
2 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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 on July 1, 3000.



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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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