
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii has
2 experienced significant fatalities and serious injuries on
3 highways and roads. Numerous crashes have occurred near schools
4 and on dangerous roads and intersections where fatalities and
5 injuries regularly occur. Even when dangerous areas are
6 identified, safety improvements can still take years to
7 implement due to lengthy processes, allowing more crashes and
8 fatalities to occur that could have been avoided.

9 The purpose of this Act is to allow for expedient safety
10 improvements to dangerous areas to help make Hawaii's streets
11 safer by:

- 12 (1) Requiring certain departments and county agencies to
13 define, regularly identify, and address high-risk and
14 dangerous corridors and intersections; and
15 (2) Providing that an engineering study is not required to
16 be considered when setting a maximum speed limit in
17 certain situations.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§291C- High-risk and dangerous corridors and
5 intersections. (a) Each department and county agency having
6 jurisdiction over roads, highways, and similar infrastructure
7 shall:

8 (1) Define and regularly perform evaluations to identify
9 high-risk or dangerous corridors and intersections,
10 based on relevant statistics including crashes,
11 injuries, fatalities, or similar measures; and

12 (2) Develop and prioritize for implementation plans to
13 address safety and allow access for all users in each
14 corridor or intersection identified as high-risk or
15 dangerous.

16 (b) When rehabilitation or other changes to a high-risk or
17 dangerous corridor or intersection are planned or implemented by
18 a department or county agency, priority shall be given to
19 changes that maximize safety and provide access to separated or
20 protected infrastructure that separates vehicles from



1 pedestrians, persons on bicycles and mobility devices, and other
2 vulnerable users."

3 SECTION 3. Section 291C-107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5 "(a) The department of transportation or a county shall
6 consider the following factors when setting a maximum speed
7 limit pursuant to section 291C-102:

8 (1) An engineering study conducted for the road whose
9 maximum speed limit is being set; provided that the
10 engineering study shall include an analysis of the
11 current speed distribution of free-flowing vehicles;
12 provided further that the requirements of this
13 paragraph shall not apply when the department of
14 transportation or any county reduces a maximum speed
15 limit within one mile of a school; and

16 (2) Any other factors prescribed by the Federal Highway
17 Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control
18 Devices, as amended."

19 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DOT; Road Safety; Infrastructure; Speed Limits; Schools

Description:

Requires each department or county agency having jurisdiction over roads, highways, or similar infrastructure to evaluate high-risk or dangerous corridors or intersections and plan strategies for mitigation. Provides that an engineering study is not required to be considered if the Department of Transportation decreases maximum speed limits within 1 mile of a school. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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