
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

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

4 "§291C- Traffic control devices; uniform standards and
5 specifications. The department of transportation, after
6 consultation with the counties, shall adopt rules pursuant to
7 chapter 91 prescribing uniform standards and specifications for
8 all official traffic control devices installed pursuant to this
9 chapter, including to stop signs, yield signs, speed limit
10 signs, railroad warning approach signs, street name signs,
11 crossing signs, any lines or markings on a roadway, and any
12 other sign or marking required or authorized by the Federal
13 Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control
14 Devices, as amended."

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to part X to be appropriately
17 designated and to read as follows:



1 "§291C- Speed limits; factors to consider. (a) The
2 department of transportation or a county shall consider the
3 following factors when setting a maximum speed limit pursuant to
4 section 291C-102:

5 (1) An engineering study conducted for the road whose
6 maximum speed limit is being set; provided that the
7 engineering study shall include an analysis of the
8 current speed distribution of free-flowing vehicles;
9 and

10 (2) Any other factors prescribed by the Federal Highway
11 Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control
12 Devices, as amended.

13 (b) As used in this section, "engineering study" means a
14 survey of highway and traffic conditions in accordance with
15 methods determined by the department of transportation for use
16 by state and local authorities. An engineering study shall
17 consider the following factors:

18 (1) Roadway characteristics including but not limited to
19 shoulder condition grade, alignment, sight distance,
20 and lane widths;



1 (2) Roadside development and environment, including the
2 following:

3 (A) Number and types of side road access including
4 signalized or unsignalized intersections;

5 (B) Pedestrian activity and facilities;

6 (C) Parking practices and activity; and

7 (D) Type of bicycle accommodations and facilities;

8 (3) Motor vehicle crashes resulting in deaths or injuries;
9 and

10 (4) Prevailing speeds as determined by traffic engineering
11 measurements."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on March 15, 2094.



Report Title:

Department of Transportation; Statewide Traffic Code; Traffic Control Devices; Uniform Standards and Specifications; Speed Limits

Description:

Requires the Department of Transportation, after consultation with the counties, to adopt rules prescribing uniform standards and specifications for all official traffic control devices placed pursuant to the Statewide Traffic Code. Specifies the factors the Department of Transportation and the counties must take into account when setting maximum speed limits on a road. Effective 3/15/2094. (SD1)

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