
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§291C-32 Traffic-control signal legend.** (a) Whenever
4 traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting
5 different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows,
6 successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors
7 green, red, and yellow shall be used, except for special
8 pedestrian signals carrying a word or symbol legend, and the
9 lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and
10 pedestrians as follows:

11 (1) Green indication:

12 (A) Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal
13 may proceed straight through or turn right or
14 left unless a sign at the place prohibits either
15 [~~such~~] turn. But vehicular traffic, including
16 vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the
17 right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians



1 lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent
2 crosswalk at the time [~~such~~] the signal is
3 exhibited.

4 (B) Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal,
5 shown alone or in combination with another
6 indication, may cautiously enter the intersection
7 only to make the movement indicated by [~~such~~] the
8 arrow, or [~~such~~] any other movement [~~as is~~]
9 permitted by other indications shown at the same
10 time. [~~Such~~] This vehicular traffic shall yield
11 the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within
12 an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic
13 lawfully using the intersection.

14 (C) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control
15 signal, as provided in section 291C-33,
16 pedestrians facing any green signal, except when
17 the sole green signal is a turn arrow, may
18 proceed across the roadway within any marked or
19 unmarked crosswalk.

20 (2) Steady yellow indication:



1 (A) Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal
2 is thereby warned that the related green movement
3 is being terminated or that a red indication will
4 be exhibited immediately thereafter when
5 vehicular traffic shall not enter the
6 intersection.

7 (B) Pedestrians facing a steady yellow signal, unless
8 otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal
9 as provided in section 291C-33, are thereby
10 advised that there is insufficient time to cross
11 the roadway before a red indication is shown and
12 no pedestrian shall then start to cross the
13 roadway.

14 (3) Steady red indication:

15 (A) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal
16 alone shall stop at a clearly marked stop line,
17 but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the
18 near side of the intersection or, if none, then
19 before entering the intersection and shall remain
20 standing until an indication to proceed is shown,



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1 except as provided in the next succeeding
2 paragraphs.

3 (B) The driver of a vehicle [~~which~~] that is stopped
4 in obedience to a steady red indication may make
5 a right turn but shall yield the right-of-way to
6 pedestrians and other traffic proceeding as
7 directed by the signal at [~~said~~] the
8 intersection, except that [~~counties~~]:

9 (i) Counties by ordinance may prohibit any
10 [~~such~~] right turn against a steady red
11 indication, [~~which~~] provided that the
12 ordinance shall be effective when a sign
13 giving notice is erected at [~~such~~] that
14 intersection [~~giving notice thereof.~~]; and

15 (ii) Notwithstanding clause (i), a right turn
16 against a steady red indication shall be
17 prohibited in a county with a population
18 greater than five hundred thousand.

19 (C) The driver of a vehicle on a one-way street which
20 intersects another one-way street on which
21 traffic moves to the left shall stop in obedience



1 to a steady red indication but may then make a
2 left turn into said one-way street, but shall
3 yield right-of-way to pedestrians, proceeding as
4 directed by the signal at ~~[said]~~ the intersection
5 except that ~~[counties]~~:

6 (i) Counties by ordinance may prohibit any
7 ~~[such]~~ left turn as ~~[above]~~ described
8 ~~[which]~~ in this subsection, provided that
9 the ordinance shall be effective when a sign
10 giving notice is erected at ~~[such]~~ that
11 intersection ~~[giving notice thereof.]; and~~

12 (ii) A left turn against a steady red indication
13 shall be prohibited in a county with a
14 population greater than five hundred
15 thousand.

16 (D) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control
17 signal as provided in section 291C-33,
18 pedestrians facing a steady red signal alone
19 shall not enter the roadway.

20 (b) ~~[In the event]~~ If an official traffic-control signal
21 is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection,



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Report Title:

City and County of Honolulu Mayor's Package; Statewide Traffic Code; Turns on Red

Description:

Prohibits drivers of vehicles in a county with a population greater than 500,000 from making any turns while a traffic control device facing oncoming traffic displays a red signal.

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