
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SIDEWALKS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that sidewalk networks
2 are integral components of streets and roadways in Hawaii's
3 communities, where pedestrians need safety, comfort,
4 accessibility, and efficient mobility. Sidewalk networks
5 increase pedestrian safety by separating pedestrians from
6 vehicle traffic. Sidewalks produce positive public-health
7 outcomes by encouraging walking, making communities more
8 accessible, and contributing to more sustainable communities by
9 decreasing dependence on motor vehicles. The department of
10 health's 2020-2030 Draft Healthy Hawaii Strategic Plan sets a
11 goal to increase the total miles of safe pedestrian
12 infrastructure by fifty miles.

13 The legislature further finds that there is significant
14 disparity in the installation, maintenance, and improvement of
15 sidewalk networks, even within the same county. There is also
16 little to no transparent information about the installation,



1 repair, and maintenance of sidewalk networks available to
2 ordinary citizens.

3 The purpose of this Act is to improve equitable access to
4 safe sidewalk networks by requiring the department of
5 transportation and each county's transportation department to:

- 6 (1) Create and maintain a priority list of sidewalk
7 installation and improvement projects; and
8 (2) Publish the priority list on their respective
9 websites.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§264- Sidewalk project priority lists. (a) The
14 department of transportation and each county's transportation
15 department shall create and maintain a priority list of sidewalk
16 installation and improvement projects. The priority lists shall
17 be updated no less than once per year.

18 (b) Each priority list required by subsection (a) shall
19 include information about the type, cost, and location of the
20 projects on the priority list.



1 (c) In establishing a priority list required by subsection
2 (a), the department of transportation and each county's
3 transportation department shall evaluate a project's:

- 4 (1) Cost;
5 (2) Impact on pedestrian safety;
6 (3) Importance to a larger pedestrian network; and
7 (4) Importance for providing first- and last-mile
8 connectivity to transit,
9 via a formal prioritization model.

10 (d) Each priority list required by subsection (a) shall be
11 published on the respective website of the department of
12 transportation or county transportation department."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Sidewalks; Priority List; Department of Transportation; Counties

Description:

Requires the department of transportation and each county's transportation department to create and maintain a priority list of sidewalk installation and improvement projects and to publish the priority list on their respective websites. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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