
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) The director of transportation by rules adopted in
4 accordance with chapter 91, and the counties by ordinance, may
5 regulate or prohibit the use of any controlled-access roadway or
6 highway within their respective jurisdictions by any class or
7 kind of traffic which is found to be incompatible with the
8 normal and safe movement of traffic. Persons operating
9 motorcycles which are otherwise permitted on a controlled-access
10 roadway or highway shall be permitted to use any high occupancy
11 vehicle lane designated on such roadway or highway. For the
12 purposes of this subsection, "high occupancy vehicle lane" means
13 a designated lane of a laned roadway where the use of such
14 designated lane is restricted to vehicles carrying at least
15 ~~[two]~~ the minimum number of persons designated by the director
16 of transportation as indicated on official signs and other
17 official traffic-control devices, and to other vehicles as
18 provided by rules adopted in accordance with chapter 91, or by



1 county ordinance. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no
2 person shall operate a neighborhood electric vehicle on any
3 controlled-access roadway or highway."

4 SECTION 2. Section 291C-221, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§291C-221 Definitions. As used in this part unless the
7 context otherwise requires:

8 "High occupancy vehicle" means a vehicle carrying at least
9 ~~[two-]~~ the minimum number of persons[-] designated by the
10 director of transportation as indicated on official signs and
11 other official traffic-control devices, and other vehicles as
12 provided by rules adopted in accordance with chapter 91 or by
13 county ordinance.

14 "High occupancy vehicle lane" means a designated lane of a
15 laned roadway where the use of the designated lane is restricted
16 to school buses, vehicles carrying at least ~~[two]~~ the minimum
17 number of persons[-] designated by the director of
18 transportation on official signs and other official traffic-
19 control devices, and to other vehicles as provided by rules
20 adopted in accordance with chapter 91, or by county ordinance."

21 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes.

Description:

Allows the Director of Transportation and highway engineers to use evaluation of traffic demand and traffic volumes to establish occupancy requirements for high occupancy vehicle lanes. (SD1)

