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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISABLED PERSONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes section 347-20  
2 states that "...it is the policy of this State to encourage and  
3 enable the . . . physically disabled to participate fully in the  
4 social and economic life of the State...". As such, the purpose  
5 of this Act is to enable disabled persons who display windshield  
6 placards obtained under chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to  
7 use high occupancy vehicle lanes without regard to the number of  
8 vehicle occupants.

9           SECTION 2. Section 291C-222, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11           "§291C-222 Designation of high occupancy vehicle lane.

12 (a) The director of transportation by rules adopted in  
13 accordance with chapter 91, and the counties by ordinance, may  
14 designate high occupancy vehicle lanes as to roadways under  
15 their respective jurisdictions.

16 (b) Signs and other official traffic-control devices that  
17 designate high occupancy vehicle lanes shall be placed and



1 maintained to advise drivers of the high occupancy vehicle  
2 requirement and the hours of usage. When the high occupancy  
3 vehicle lane also serves as a contraflow lane, the hours of  
4 usage as a high occupancy vehicle lane shall be the time when  
5 the lane is coned for use as a high occupancy vehicle lane.

6 (c) No motor vehicle shall be operated upon these lanes  
7 except in conformance with the instructions on the signs and  
8 other official traffic-control devices.

9 (d) A disabled person who properly displays an unexpired  
10 windshield placard obtained in accordance with chapter 291,  
11 part III, may use any high occupancy vehicle lane, regardless of  
12 the number of occupants in the person's vehicle.

13 [~~d~~] (e) A motorcycle may use any high occupancy vehicle  
14 lane, regardless of the number of occupants.

15 [~~e~~] (f) Any vehicle authorized by rules adopted in  
16 accordance with chapter 91 may use any high occupancy vehicle  
17 lane, regardless of the number of occupants, when the use is  
18 determined to enhance public safety and improves traffic  
19 conditions."

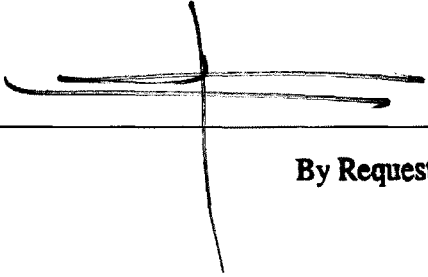
20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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**By Request**



**Report Title:**

Disabled; Motor Vehicles; High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes

**Description:**

Permits disabled persons with the proper windshield placards obtained under chapter 291, part III, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to use high occupancy vehicle lanes.

