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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 291-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3           "(c) Length:

4           (1) No single motor vehicle or other power vehicle having  
5 a total overall length greater than forty-five feet,  
6 including load, shall be operated or moved upon any  
7 public road, street, or highway within the [~~State~~]  
8 state, except as provided in this subsection;

9           (2) No truck-tractor and semitrailer having a total  
10 overall length greater than sixty-five feet, including  
11 load, shall be operated or moved upon any public road,  
12 street, or highway, other than interstate highways and  
13 certain qualifying federal aid highways as designated  
14 by the director of transportation, within the [~~State~~]  
15 state, except as provided in this subsection; provided  
16 that:

17           (A) For truck-tractors and semitrailers used for  
18 agricultural purposes [~~7~~] and public utilities



1 maintenance and service vehicles, [~~or articulated~~  
2 ~~buses for public transit purposes,~~] the total  
3 combined length of the truck-tractor and  
4 semitrailer[~~]~~ or public utility maintenance and  
5 service vehicle[~~, or articulated bus~~] shall not  
6 exceed sixty-five feet in length; [~~and~~]

7 (B) The length of the semitrailer shall not exceed  
8 forty-eight feet in length; and

9 (C) The length of an articulated bus for public  
10 transit purposes shall not exceed eighty-two feet  
11 in length, and shall not consist of more than  
12 three units;

13 (3) No combination of motor vehicles or other power  
14 vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than  
15 two units and no [~~such~~] combination of vehicles having  
16 a total overall length greater than sixty-five feet,  
17 including load, shall be operated or moved upon any  
18 public road, street, or highway other than interstate  
19 highways and certain qualifying federal aid highways  
20 as designated by the director of transportation,  
21 within the [~~State,~~] state, except as provided in this  
22 subsection. A truck-tractor and semitrailer shall be



1           regarded as a single unit when determining the number  
2           of units in a combination;

3           (4) No motor vehicle, self-propelled construction or farm  
4           equipment, trailer, or semitrailer shall be operated  
5           upon any public road, street, or highway within the  
6           [State] state if it is carrying or otherwise has  
7           projecting to the front or rear, a load, boom, mast,  
8           or other projecting structure or attachment unless:

9           (A) With respect to self-propelled construction or  
10          farm equipment:

11           (i) The length of the equipment measured on a  
12           horizontal axis, including the projection,  
13           is not greater than forty-five feet;

14           (ii) The projection is either held securely in  
15           place or is controlled by the driver or an  
16           operator;

17           (iii) The projection does not obstruct the  
18           driver's vision;

19           (iv) The projection does not impair the driver's  
20           ability to control the equipment;



- 1 (v) The projection beyond the front tires is at
- 2 least seven feet above the roadway surface;
- 3 and
- 4 (vi) The projection does not extend more than
- 5 four feet past the extremity of the piece of
- 6 equipment, or if it extends more than four
- 7 feet, an escort vehicle is provided by the
- 8 owner or operator either to the front or to
- 9 the rear of the projection to call attention
- 10 to the projection; or
- 11 (B) With respect to a motor vehicle, or a motor
- 12 vehicle with attached trailer or semitrailer:
- 13 (i) The overall length of a motor vehicle
- 14 including the projection, is not greater
- 15 than forty-five feet or the overall length
- 16 of the motor vehicle with attached trailer
- 17 or semitrailer, including the projection, is
- 18 not greater than sixty feet except that this
- 19 limitation on a motor vehicle with attached
- 20 trailer or semitrailer, including the
- 21 projection, shall not be applicable on
- 22 interstate highways and certain qualifying



- 1 federal aid highways, as designated by the  
2 director of transportation;
- 3 (ii) The projection is either held securely in  
4 place or is controlled by the driver or an  
5 operator;
- 6 (iii) The projection does not obstruct the  
7 driver's vision;
- 8 (iv) The projection does not impair the driver's  
9 ability to control the equipment;
- 10 (v) The projection beyond the front tires is at  
11 least seven feet above the roadway surface;  
12 and
- 13 (vi) The projection does not extend more than  
14 four feet past the extremity of the trailer  
15 or semitrailer, or, if it extends more than  
16 four feet, an escort vehicle is provided by  
17 the owner or operator either to the front or  
18 to the rear of the projection to call  
19 attention to the projection;
- 20 (5) The limitations in this subsection upon length shall  
21 not apply to vehicles transporting pipe, poles,  
22 timbers, reinforcing steel, structural steel, or other



1 objects of a structural nature [~~which~~] that cannot be  
2 readily dismembered; provided that when transported by  
3 night every [~~such~~] vehicle shall be equipped with a  
4 sufficient number of clearance lamps upon the extreme  
5 ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the  
6 dimensions of the load."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.



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**Report Title:**

Transportation; Public Transit; Articulated Buses

**Description:**

Allows for the operation of larger articulated buses used for public transit purposes on public roadways. Effective 07/01/2009. (SB711 HD1)

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