
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 279A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§279A- Statewide transportation plan; public
5 involvement. (a) In carrying out the statewide transportation
6 planning process, including development of all state
7 transportation projects within the statewide transportation
8 plan, the department of transportation shall develop and use a
9 documented public involvement process that provides
10 opportunities for public review and comment. At a minimum, the
11 public involvement process shall:

12 (1) Establish early and continuous public involvement
13 opportunities that provide timely information about
14 transportation issues and decision-making processes to
15 individuals, affected public agencies, representatives
16 of public transportation employees, private providers
17 of transportation, pedestrians, bicyclists,
18 representatives of the disabled, providers of freight



- 1 transportation and shipping services, and other
2 interested parties;
- 3 (2) Establish policies to provide public access to
4 technical and policy information used in the
5 development of the statewide transportation plan;
- 6 (3) Provide public notice of public involvement activities
7 and times for public review and comment at key
8 decision points, including a reasonable opportunity to
9 comment on the proposed statewide transportation plan;
- 10 (4) To the maximum extent practicable, ensure that public
11 meetings are held at convenient and accessible
12 locations and times;
- 13 (5) To the maximum extent practicable, use visualization
14 techniques to describe the proposed statewide
15 transportation plan and supporting studies;
- 16 (6) To the maximum extent practicable, make public
17 information available in an electronically accessible
18 format, as appropriate, to afford an opportunity for
19 consideration of public information;
- 20 (7) Demonstrate consideration of and response to public
21 input during the development of the statewide
22 transportation plan;



1 (8) Include a process for seeking out and considering the
2 needs of persons traditionally underserved by existing
3 transportation systems, such as low-income and
4 minority households; and

5 (9) Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness
6 of the public involvement process to ensure that the
7 process provides full and open access to all
8 interested parties and revise the process, as
9 appropriate.

10 (b) The department of transportation, in its discretion,
11 shall be responsible for determining whether to adopt any
12 proposed changes to the statewide transportation plan as a
13 result of the public involvement process. If a proposed change
14 is not adopted, the department of transportation shall make
15 publicly available its reasons for not accepting the proposed
16 change.

17 (c) The director of transportation shall adopt rules in
18 accordance with chapter 91, to effectuate the purposes of this
19 section."

20 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Statewide Transportation Plan; Public Involvement

Description:

Requires the Department of Transportation to establish a public involvement process when developing the statewide transportation plan. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB2708 HD1)

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