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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that several counties  
2 throughout the United States are experimenting with the use of  
3 shared lane markings. "Shared lane markings" are pavement  
4 markings set in a roadway lane that indicate the legal and  
5 appropriate bicyclist line of travel, and cue motorists to pass  
6 with sufficient clearance. Unlike bicycle lanes, they do not  
7 designate a particular part of the highway for bicyclists. The  
8 purpose of these markings is to reduce the number and severity  
9 of bicycle-vehicular crashes, particularly crashes involving  
10 bicycles colliding with suddenly opened doors of parked  
11 vehicles.

12           The legislature also finds that, pursuant to section  
13 19-128-5, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the department of  
14 transportation's use of roadway markings is guided by the most  
15 current edition of the federal Manual of Uniform Traffic Control  
16 Devices. The most current edition is the 2003 edition, which  
17 does not contain a reference to shared lane markings. However,  
18 a new edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices



1 is expected to be published later this year. Draft versions  
2 released for inspection by the Federal Highway Administration  
3 indicate that the next edition will contain standards and  
4 guidance regarding the use of shared lane markings.

5 Because of the potential benefit to highway safety, the  
6 legislature finds that public welfare would be best served by  
7 incorporating the use of shared lane markings on the roadways of  
8 the State immediately, rather than waiting for the publication  
9 of the next edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control  
10 Devices.

11 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
12 transportation to incorporate shared lane markings as a new  
13 traffic control device.

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


17 **"§264- Traffic control devices; shared lane markings.**

18 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department of  
19 transportation shall incorporate shared lane markings where  
20 appropriate as a new form of traffic control device, as  
21 described in the 2007 Notice of Proposed Amendments for the  
22 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices."



1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.  
2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Highways; Shared Lane Markings

**Description:**

Requires the department of transportation to incorporate shared lane markings as a new form of traffic control device.

