
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION ENERGY INITIATIVES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii residents
2 should be encouraged to continue purchasing electric vehicles to
3 reduce global warming pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.
4 An effective incentive would be to allow electric vehicles
5 capable of highway speeds to use high occupancy vehicle lanes
6 regardless of whether the vehicle contains the minimum number of
7 passengers to lawfully use the high occupancy vehicle lane.

8 The purpose of this Act is to allow electric vehicles
9 capable of highway speeds to use high occupancy vehicle lanes
10 without regard to the number of occupants in each vehicle.

11 SECTION 2. Section 291C-221, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
13 and to read as follows:

14 "Electric vehicle" means the same as section 291-71."

15 SECTION 3. Section 291C-221, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending the definition of "high occupancy vehicle
17 lane" to read as follows:



1 "High occupancy vehicle lane" means a designated lane of a
2 laned roadway where the use of the designated lane is restricted
3 to school buses, vehicles carrying at least the minimum number
4 of persons designated by the director of transportation on
5 official signs and other official traffic-control devices, [~~and~~
6 ~~to~~] electric vehicles capable of driving at least fifty-five
7 miles per hour without regard to the number of occupants, and
8 other vehicles as provided by rules adopted in accordance with
9 chapter 91, or by county ordinance."

10 SECTION 4. Section 291C-222, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended as follows:

12 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

13 "(a) The director of transportation by rules adopted in
14 accordance with chapter 91, and the counties by ordinance, may
15 designate high occupancy vehicle lanes [~~as~~] to roadways under
16 their respective jurisdictions. The director of transportation,
17 by rules adopted in accordance with chapter 91, shall develop
18 the means to identify electric vehicles capable of driving at
19 least fifty-five miles per hour, including but not limited to
20 the use of decals."

21 2. By amending subsection (d) to read:



Report Title:

High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes; Electric Vehicles

Description:

Provides that high occupancy vehicle lanes may be used by electric vehicles capable of driving at least fifty-five miles per hour, regardless of the number of occupants. (SD1)

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