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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SIDEWALKS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§291C-     Other activities prohibited on sidewalks.

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the use of  
6 skateboards, rollerskates, and other similar devices shall be  
7 prohibited on sidewalks in the downtown Honolulu business  
8 district."

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

12           ""Downtown Honolulu business district" means the area  
13 bounded by the Nuuanu stream, Punchbowl street, Vineyard  
14 boulevard, and the shoreline."

15           SECTION 3. Section 291C-134.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17           "§291C-134.5 Electric personal assistive mobility devices;  
18 restrictions. (a) Unless otherwise prohibited or regulated by



1 a county ordinance[7] and except as provided in subsection  
2 (g), an electric personal assistive mobility device may be  
3 operated on sidewalks, at a speed no greater than eight miles  
4 per hour, and on bicycle paths of the State. The sale of  
5 consumer models of electric personal assistive mobility devices  
6 in the State shall be limited to those models operated by a key  
7 that can set the maximum forward speed at no more than eight  
8 miles per hour.

9 (b) An electric personal assistive mobility device  
10 operator shall be sixteen years of age or older.

11 (c) An electric personal assistive mobility device  
12 operator on a sidewalk or bicycle path shall exercise due care  
13 to avoid colliding with, and shall yield the right-of-way to,  
14 persons traveling on foot and those using mobility aids.

15 (d) An electric personal assistive mobility device  
16 operator shall give an audible signal before overtaking and  
17 passing any pedestrian.

18 (e) An electric personal assistive mobility device  
19 operator shall wear or equip the electric personal assistive  
20 mobility device with reflectors and a headlamp when operating  
21 between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before  
22 sunrise.



1 (f) Any operator who operates an electric personal  
2 assistive mobility device recklessly in disregard for the safety  
3 of persons or property shall be assessed penalties as set forth  
4 in section 291C-161.

5 (g) No electric personal assistive mobility device shall  
6 be operated on sidewalks in a business district in any county,  
7 including the downtown Honolulu business district, except by law  
8 enforcement officers in carrying out their official duties."

9 SECTION 4. Section 291C-148, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) Unless otherwise prohibited, a bicycle may be driven  
12 at a speed of ten miles per hour or less on a sidewalk or  
13 sidewalk area; provided that [~~the~~]:

14 (1) The driver of the bicycle shall yield the right-of-way  
15 to any pedestrian; and [~~that bicycle~~]

16 (2) Bicycle riding shall be prohibited on sidewalks in  
17 business districts[-], including the downtown Honolulu  
18 business district."

19 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Bicycles, Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices,  
Skateboards, Rollerskates Prohibited; Business Districts

**Description:**

Defines the downtown Honolulu business district. Prohibits use of bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, skateboards, rollerskates, and other similar devices on sidewalks in the downtown Honolulu business district.

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