
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROHIBIT HEAVY TRUCKS FROM DRIVING IN THE LEFT-MOST LANE OF AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY EXCEPT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of
2 Interstate and Defense Highways was initially created for the
3 rapid movement of military personnel across the country and
4 developed into an avenue for rapidly transporting individuals
5 and goods between states; and
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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii's motorists continue to seek relief from
8 increasing traffic congestion on the State's interstate
9 highways; and
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11 WHEREAS, slow-moving, heavy trucks driving in the left-most
12 lane of interstate highways contribute to traffic congestion;
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15 WHEREAS, a heavy truck is generally considered to be a
16 motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or
17 more, is designated or used primarily for the carriage of
18 property other than the personal effects of the driver or
19 passengers, and includes a motor vehicle to which has been added
20 a box, platform, or other equipment for such carriage; and
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22 WHEREAS, more than 20 states have laws restricting heavy
23 trucks from driving in the left-most lane of highways; and
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25 WHEREAS, according to studies, restricting heavy trucks
26 from driving in the left-most lane leads to slight improvements
27 in traffic flow and traffic speed in certain areas, and safer
28 highways; and
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30 WHEREAS, a majority of case studies also show that lane
31 restrictions reduce overall crash rates by about 10 percent,



1 according to a review of case studies conducted by the Louisiana
2 State University in 2009; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2014, that the Department of Transportation is urged
7 to prohibit heavy trucks from driving in the left-most lane of
8 an interstate highway except under certain conditions, including
9 lane closures, accidents, and emergency situations; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and
13 the chiefs of police of the Hawaii Police Department, Honolulu
14 Police Department, Kauai Police Department, and Maui Police
15 Department.

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