
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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 part IV to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§291C- Traffic control devices; uniform standards and
5 specifications. The department of transportation, after
6 consultation with the counties, shall adopt rules pursuant to
7 chapter 91 prescribing uniform standards and specifications for
8 all official traffic control devices installed pursuant to this
9 chapter, including but not limited to stop signs, yield signs,
10 speed limit signs, railroad warning approach signs, street name
11 signs, crossing signs, any lines or markings on a roadway, and
12 any other sign or marking required or authorized by the Federal
13 Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control
14 Devices, as amended."

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to part X to be appropriately
17 designated and to read as follows:



1 "§291C- Speed limits; factors to consider. (a) The
2 department of transportation or a county shall consider the
3 following factors when setting a maximum speed limit pursuant to
4 291C-102:

5 (1) An engineering and traffic survey conducted for the
6 road whose maximum speed limit is being set; provided
7 that the engineering and traffic survey shall be
8 properly validated using an appropriate system, such
9 as the Federal Highway Administration's USLIMITS2
10 system or its successor;

11 (2) The speed at which eighty-five per cent of free-
12 flowing traffic on the road is traveling at or below;
13 and

14 (3) Any other factors prescribed by the Federal Highway
15 Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control
16 Devices, as amended.

17 (b) As used in this section, "engineering and traffic
18 survey" means a survey of highway and traffic conditions in
19 accordance with methods determined by the department of
20 transportation for use by state and local authorities. An



1 engineering and traffic survey shall consider the following
2 factors, in order of priority:

3 (1) Motor vehicle crashes resulting in deaths or injuries;

4 (2) Potential for or frequency of traffic collisions
5 resulting in deaths or injuries;

6 (3) Residential density, if any of the following
7 conditions exist on the particular portion of the
8 highway and the property contiguous to the highway:

9 (A) Upon one side of the highway, within a distance
10 of a quarter of a mile, the contiguous property
11 fronting the highway is occupied by thirteen or
12 more separate dwelling houses or business
13 structures;

14 (B) Upon both sides of the highway, collectively,
15 within a distance of a quarter of a mile, the
16 contiguous property fronting the highway is
17 occupied by sixteen or more separate dwelling
18 houses or business structures; or

19 (C) The portion of highway is longer than one quarter
20 of a mile but has a ratio of separate dwelling
21 houses or business structures to the length of



1 the highway equal to or greater than that
 2 described by subparagraphs (A) or (B);
 3 (4) Pedestrian and bicyclist safety;
 4 (5) Highway, traffic, and roadside conditions not readily
 5 apparent to the driver; and
 6 (6) Prevailing speeds as determined by traffic engineering
 7 measurements."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

DOT; Statewide Traffic Code; Traffic Control Devices; Uniform Standards and Specifications; Speed Limits

Description:

Requires the Department of Transportation, after consultation with the counties, to adopt rules prescribing uniform standards and specifications for all official traffic control devices placed pursuant to the Statewide Traffic Code. Specifies the factors the Department of Transportation and the counties must take into account when setting maximum speed limits on a road.

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