
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that traffic-related
2 fatalities are on the rise nationwide. Each year, an average of
3 more than forty thousand people are killed in the United States
4 in vehicle crashes. In Hawaii, forty-five per cent of the fatal
5 crashes in the State were speed-related in 2016, ranking the
6 State as the fifth highest nation for proportion of speed-
7 related fatal crashes. A majority of the speed-related
8 fatalities occur on state roadways. Additionally, nearly forty
9 per cent of driving fatalities in Hawaii are alcohol-related,
10 which is above the national average. Finally, in 2018, a record
11 number of forty-three pedestrian fatalities were documented in
12 Hawaii, reflecting a dramatic increase from fifteen in 2017.

13 The legislature finds that many tragedies can be prevented
14 by taking a proactive, preventative approach that prioritizes
15 traffic safety. Vision Zero, or "Target Zero" in some states,
16 is a movement that seeks to prevent and ultimately eliminate all
17 traffic related fatalities. The Vision Zero approach recognizes



1 that people will sometimes make mistakes so communities should
2 implement policies and design roads that slow down vehicles in
3 order to give people walking and biking safe alternatives and to
4 reduce the chance that a human mistake leads to a fatality.

5 The National Complete Streets Coalition endorses a Vision
6 Zero approach in pursuit of the objective to design streets that
7 prevent traffic injuries and fatalities, particularly for the
8 most vulnerable road users. Over one thousand two hundred
9 jurisdictions in the United States have, through an adoption of
10 Complete Streets policies, committed to design and operate their
11 streets to provide for the needs of all users of the road,
12 regardless of age, ability, income, or mode of transportation.
13 Vision Zero strategies can be easily integrated into existing
14 Complete Streets programs.

15 In 2009, the legislature passed Act 54, Session Laws of
16 Hawaii, which requires the state and counties' departments of
17 transportation to adopt a complete streets policy that
18 reasonably accommodates convenient access and mobility for all
19 users of the public highways. It also established a temporary
20 task force to review existing state and county design standards
21 and guidelines. The city and county of Honolulu further adopted



1 its complete streets policy ordinance in 2012. In 2018, the
2 mayor of Maui presented a vision zero proclamation in honor of a
3 cyclist that was struck and killed on the shoulder of the
4 Piilani highway. Maui continues to invest in its complete
5 streets program with local organizations partnering with the
6 county to carry forward its vision zero initiative.

7 The legislature finds that the State and counties must
8 collaborate to provide safe roads, as many fatalities occur on
9 state highways. Hawaii should adopt its own vision zero policy
10 to prevent and ultimately eliminate all traffic fatalities
11 through a combination of engineering, enforcement, education,
12 and emergency response strategies to focus on equity.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
15 and to read as follows:

16 "§286- Vision zero. The department of transportation
17 and the county transportation departments shall adopt a vision
18 zero policy that seeks to prevent and ultimately eliminate all
19 traffic fatalities through a combination of engineering,
20 enforcement, education, and emergency response strategies that
21 focus on equity."



1 SECTION 3. (a) There is established a temporary vision
2 zero working group exempt from section 26-34, Hawaii Revised
3 Statutes, to develop an action plan to reduce traffic fatalities
4 to zero.

5 (b) The action plan shall include but is not limited to:

6 (1) Policies on how to reduce speeds on state and county
7 roads;

8 (2) Engineering recommendations on how to increase
9 vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety;

10 (3) Data-driven enforcement recommendations on how to
11 reduce speeding and operating a vehicle while under
12 the influence of an intoxicant;

13 (4) Additional steps that can be taken to eliminate
14 vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle fatalities on the
15 road;

16 (5) An implementation plan; and

17 (6) Establishment of measures to track success.

18 (c) The members of the task force, where necessary, shall
19 be selected by the director of transportation, and shall
20 include:



- 1 (1) The director of transportation, or director's
- 2 designee, who shall chair the working group;
- 3 (2) The director of health, or director's designee;
- 4 (3) A representative from each county's transportation
- 5 department;
- 6 (4) A representative of the University of Hawaii's
- 7 department of urban and regional planning or
- 8 department of civil and environmental engineering;
- 9 (5) A representative from each county's metropolitan
- 10 planning organization;
- 11 (6) A representative from each county's police department;
- 12 (7) A representative of Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- 13 Hawaii;
- 14 (8) A representative from the Federal Highway
- 15 Administration;
- 16 (9) A representative of the Hawaii Bicycling League;
- 17 (10) A representative of AARP Hawaii; and
- 18 (11) Other interested parties.
- 19 (d) The department of transportation shall prepare and
- 20 submit a report of findings based on the vision zero working



1 group's efforts to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees
2 of the legislature on or before January 1, 2020.

3 (e) The working group shall submit to the legislature,
4 through the department of transportation, the following:

5 (1) An interim progress report no later than twenty days
6 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2020;
7 and

8 (2) A final report, including the working group's action
9 plan detailing its findings, recommendations, and
10 proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior
11 to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

12 (f) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2021.

13 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2020-2021 for administrative costs of the temporary vision
18 zero working group.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
20 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 2 provided that section 1 shall apply to any development for which
 3 planning or design commences on or after January 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

Vision Zero; Roads and Highways; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of transportation and the county transportation departments to adopt a vision zero policy that seeks to prevent and ultimately eliminate all traffic fatalities through a combination of engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency response strategies that focus on equity. Establishes a temporary working group to develop an action plan and review certain specified traffic policies and guidelines. Reports to legislature in 2020 and 2021. Appropriates funds.

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