
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. In August 2016, the department of
2 transportation expanded the zipper lane on Oahu's H-1 freeway to
3 accommodate two lanes from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday
4 through Friday, excluding holidays. This increased capacity of
5 the zipper lane by twenty per cent, or an additional one
6 thousand seven hundred vehicles per hour. The use of these
7 lanes requires two or more occupants in the vehicle during the
8 designated hours.

9 The legislature finds that charging single occupant
10 motorists a nominal fee to use the zipper lane could provide a
11 source of additional revenue for the State while reducing
12 traffic in non-zipper freeway lanes.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
14 department of transportation to develop and implement a program
15 that allows single occupant vehicles to use the zipper lane for
16 a fee.



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

4 "§291C- Single occupant vehicle access fee. (a) The
5 department of transportation shall develop and implement a
6 system in accordance with chapter 91 in which drivers may pay a
7 single occupant vehicle access fee of \$ to the
8 department in exchange for use of a high occupancy vehicle lane
9 that has been designated as a zipper lane on the island of Oahu
10 regardless of the number of occupants in the motor vehicle.

11 (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, all revenues,
12 including interest, derived and collected by the department of
13 transportation pursuant to this section shall be deposited into
14 the state highway fund.

15 (c) The department of transportation shall provide to the
16 legislature an annual report no later than twenty days prior to
17 the convening of each regular session, which shall include:

18 (1) The department's assessment of the successes,
19 challenges, and areas for improvement in meeting the
20 purposes of this section;



- 1 (2) The activities of the department related to this
- 2 section;
- 3 (3) The total number of single occupant vehicle access
- 4 fees paid; and
- 5 (4) An accounting of all revenues generated and deposited
- 6 into the state highway fund for the preceding year."

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

10 ""High occupancy vehicle lane" means a designated lane of a
 11 laned roadway where the use of the designated lane is restricted
 12 to school buses, vehicles carrying at least the minimum number
 13 of persons designated by the director of transportation on
 14 official signs and other official traffic-control devices,
 15 single occupant vehicles pursuant to section 291C-A, and to
 16 other vehicles as provided by rules adopted in accordance with
 17 chapter 91, or by county ordinance."

18 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DOT; Zipper Lane; Contraflow; Access Fee

Description:

Directs the Department of Transportation to develop and implement a single occupant vehicle access fee to use a zipper lane on Oahu. Requires that revenues generated from the single occupant vehicle access fee be deposited in the state highway fund. (HB327 HD1)

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