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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. The legislature finds that sidewalk networks  
2 are integral components of streets and roadways in Hawaii's  
3 communities, where pedestrians need safety, comfort,  
4 accessibility, and efficient mobility. Sidewalk networks  
5 increase pedestrian safety by separating pedestrians from  
6 vehicle traffic. Sidewalks produce positive public-health  
7 outcomes by encouraging walking, making communities more  
8 accessible, and contributing to more sustainable communities by  
9 decreasing dependence on motor vehicles. The department of  
10 health's 2020-2030 Draft Healthy Hawaii Strategic Plan sets a  
11 goal to increase the total miles of safe pedestrian  
12 infrastructure by fifty miles.

13       The legislature further finds that there is significant  
14 disparity in the installation, maintenance, and improvement of  
15 sidewalk networks, even within the same county. There is also  
16 little to no transparent information about the installation,



1 repair, and maintenance of sidewalk networks available to  
2 ordinary citizens.

3 The purpose of this Act is to improve equitable access to  
4 safe sidewalk networks by requiring:

- 5 (1) The department of transportation to maintain a list of  
6 statewide sidewalk installation and pedestrian  
7 improvement projects;
- 8 (2) Each county's transportation department to create and  
9 maintain a list of sidewalk installation and  
10 pedestrian improvement projects; and
- 11 (3) The department of transportation and the counties to  
12 post the priority list on their respective websites to  
13 promote transparency and public accountability.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
16 and to read as follows:

17 "§264- Sidewalk project priority lists. (a) The  
18 department of transportation shall maintain a priority list of  
19 statewide sidewalk installation and pedestrian improvement  
20 projects, including potential alternatives to sidewalks that may



1 be better suited for individual communities. The priority list  
2 shall be updated no less than once per year.

3 (b) Each county's transportation department shall create  
4 and maintain a priority list of county sidewalk installation and  
5 pedestrian improvement projects, including potential  
6 alternatives to sidewalks that may be better suited for  
7 individual communities. The priority lists shall be updated no  
8 less than once per year.

9 (c) Each priority list required by subsection (a) and (b)  
10 shall include information about the type, cost, and location of  
11 the projects on the priority list.

12 (d) In establishing a priority list required by  
13 subsections (a) and (b), the department of transportation and  
14 each county's transportation department shall incorporate  
15 considerations for a project's:

16 (1) Cost;

17 (2) Impact on pedestrian safety;

18 (3) Importance to a larger pedestrian network; and

19 (4) Importance for providing first- and last-mile

20 connectivity to transit.



1       (e) Each priority list required by subsections (a) and (b)  
2       shall be published on the respective websites of the department  
3       of transportation and county transportation departments."

4       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Sidewalks; Priority List; Department of Transportation; Counties

**Description:**

Requires the department of transportation and each county's transportation department to maintain a priority list of sidewalk installation and pedestrian improvement projects and to publish the priority list on their respective websites.  
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