



GOV. MSG. NO. 1343

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA

July 6, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 6, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1104 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES  
ENFORCEMENT.  
**ACT 240**

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUL 6 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023  
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1104  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§291-39 Enforcement. (a) For the purpose of the  
4 enforcement of sections 291-33 to 291-36, the powers of police  
5 officers are conferred upon the director of transportation and  
6 any motor carrier safety officer. Every police officer and  
7 motor carrier safety officer shall enforce compliance with  
8 sections 291-33 to 291-36, with the technical assistance of the  
9 department of transportation. In the enforcement of sections  
10 291-34 to 291-36 such officers may require the driver of a  
11 vehicle to stop and submit to:

- 12 (1) The measurement of the dimensions of the vehicle and  
13 load;
- 14 (2) The examination of the certificate of weight; and
- 15 (3) The weighing of vehicles and load by means of either  
16 wheel load weighers, axle load scales, or vehicle



1 scales, if ~~such~~ the scales are within two miles of  
2 the place where the vehicle is stopped.

3 (b) The department of transportation is authorized to  
4 provide the necessary technical assistance to police officers  
5 and motor carrier safety officers to determine compliance or  
6 noncompliance with sections 291-34 to 291-36. Whenever the  
7 department of transportation determines that the size or weight  
8 of a vehicle does not comply with sections 291-34 to 291-36, the  
9 police officers or motor carrier safety officers may require the  
10 driver to move the vehicle to a suitable place and to remain  
11 there until the vehicle and load are brought into compliance  
12 with the limits prescribed by this chapter. If any of the load  
13 must be removed from the vehicle in order to comply with  
14 sections 291-34 to 291-36, the removal and all risks caused by  
15 or resulting from the removal shall be the responsibility of the  
16 owner or operator of the vehicle.

17 ~~[(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter,~~  
18 ~~no enforcing officer shall issue a citation for violation of~~  
19 ~~section 291-35 unless:~~



1       ~~(1) The violator exceeds the applicable maximum weight by~~  
2           ~~more than five per cent when a portable axle scale is~~  
3           ~~used; or~~

4       ~~(2) The violator exceeds the applicable maximum weight by~~  
5           ~~more than two per cent when a permanently installed~~  
6           ~~axle load scale is used.~~

7       ~~This subsection shall not apply to interstate highways.~~

8           ~~(d)]~~ (c) Police officers and motor carrier safety officers  
9 shall issue citations to any person violating sections 291-33 to  
10 291-36 [~~, except as specified in subsection (e)] .~~

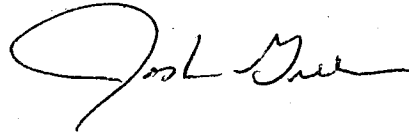
11           ~~[(e)]~~ (d) The driver of any vehicle who fails or refuses  
12 to stop and submit the vehicle and load to measuring or weighing  
13 when directed by a police officer or motor carrier safety  
14 officer or who fails or refuses to otherwise comply with this  
15 section, shall be fined as provided in section 291-37."

16       SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



APPROVED this **6th** day of **July**, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1104, HD 1, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2023  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 11, 2023  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate