



GOV. MSG. NO. 1345

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

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:

SB1086 SD2 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.
ACT 242

Sincerely,

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

on JUL 6 2023

THE SENATE
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 1086
S.D. 2
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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 the department of
2 transportation manages and spends more taxpayer dollars than
3 nearly any other state agency. Most departments of
4 transportation throughout the country have robust mechanisms to
5 ensure funds are best spent, including publicly transparent
6 processes to evaluate, select, and track projects; oversight
7 commissions of expert stakeholders to independently monitor,
8 evaluate, and provide guidance to the department and
9 policymakers; and regular robust reporting that meaningfully
10 measures and assesses overall progress toward public policy
11 goals.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to amend the name,
13 composition, and duties of the state highway safety council to
14 make the council an independently led group of expert
15 stakeholders that may review the department of transportation's
16 efforts to ensure transparency and provide guidance to the
17 department and legislature to help achieve state transportation
18 goals and outcomes.



1 SECTION 2. Section 286-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§286-5 State highway safety and modernization council.

4 (a) There is established the Hawaii highway safety and
5 modernization council. [The director of transportation shall
6 serve as its chairperson.] The council shall be chaired on an
7 annually rotating basis by a member appointed by the president
8 of the senate and a member appointed by the speaker of the house
9 of representatives. In addition to the member appointed by the
10 president of the senate and member appointed by the speaker of
11 the house of representatives, the following or their designated
12 representatives shall be members of the council: the chief
13 justice, the attorney general, the director of health, the
14 superintendent of education, the executive director of the state
15 public charter school commission, the president of the
16 University of Hawaii, the chairperson of the University of
17 Hawaii at Manoa department of urban and regional planning, the
18 co-chairpersons of the Hawaii climate change mitigation and
19 adaptation commission, the director of the office of planning
20 and sustainable development, the chief energy officer of the
21 Hawaii state energy office, an additional two members appointed



1 by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of
2 representatives, respectively, the chairperson of each of the
3 county highway safety councils established under section 286-6,
4 and not more than [~~twenty~~] twelve other persons who shall be
5 appointed by the governor for a three-year term as follows:

6 (1) One member from an organization representing senior
7 citizens;

8 (2) One member from an organization representing
9 bicyclists;

10 (3) One member from an organization having a focus on
11 micro-mobility;

12 (4) One member from an organization having a focus on
13 transportation, planning, and improvement;

14 (5) One member from an organization having a focus on
15 reducing the cost of transportation for low-income
16 communities;

17 (6) One member from an organization representing labor and
18 construction;

19 (7) One member from an organization representing trucking
20 and cargo carriers;



- 1 (8) One member from an organization having a focus on the
2 electrification of transportation;
- 3 (9) One member from an organization having a focus on
4 expanding trees and foliage and reducing urban heat;
- 5 (10) One member from an organization representing the
6 automobile manufacturing industry; and
- 7 (11) Up to two members on the basis of their interest in
8 [highway] transportation safety[-] and related state
9 goals.
- 10 (b) The state highway safety and modernization council
11 shall ~~advise~~ :
- 12 (1) Review programs, projects, plans, and strategies
13 related to improving safety in ground transportation
14 in the department of transportation;
- 15 (2) Ensure transparency and oversight in programs,
16 projects, decisions, and spending related to ground
17 transportation in the department of transportation;
- 18 (3) Establish metrics and benchmarks for the department of
19 transportation to ensure progress on state goals
20 related to ground transportation, safety, and other
21 related goals;



- 1 (4) Review projects in development and make
2 recommendations for how each project might be
3 improved, if warranted, to better meet state goals,
4 before project plans and designs are finalized;
- 5 (5) Provide direction to the department of transportation
6 and make recommendations to the legislature as
7 necessary to ensure progress on state goals related to
8 ground transportation, safety, and other related
9 goals;
- 10 (6) Advise the governor, legislature, and public on
11 matters relating to the programs [and], activities,
12 projects, outcomes, and recommendations of the State
13 in the field of [highway] transportation safety[-];
14 and
- 15 (7) Submit an annual report to the department of
16 transportation that reflects the work,
17 responsibilities, and recommendations of the council.
- 18 (c) The members of the council shall serve without pay but
19 shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while
20 attending meetings and while in discharge of their duties."

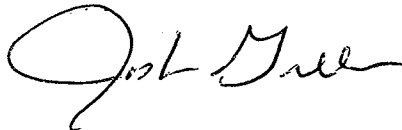


1 SECTION 3. Members of the state highway safety and
2 modernization council who are appointed and serving on the
3 council before the effective date of this Act shall continue to
4 serve any remaining time left in their terms; provided that
5 their respective expertise aligns with the council membership
6 requirements pursuant to this Act.

7 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

APPROVED this 6th day of July, 2023



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

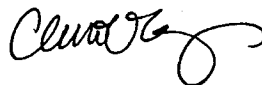


THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 2, 2023
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final 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

SB No. 1086, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

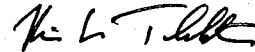
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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