

JAN 20 2023

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 and injuries are rising, killing and badly injuring
3 more Hawaii residents, keiki, and kupuna each year. The federal
4 government requires a highway safety advisory board to make
5 recommendations to the governor and department of transportation
6 to reduce deaths and injuries. However, Hawaii's highway safety
7 council has been underutilized, having been convened by the
8 department of transportation just once in 2022, in spite of a
9 statewide wave of rising injuries and fatalities.

10 The purpose of this Act is to activate the highway safety
11 council to meaningfully address Hawaii's rising fatalities and
12 injuries by amending the composition and duties of the state
13 highway safety council.

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

16 "§286-5 State highway safety council. (a) There is
17 established the Hawaii highway safety council. [~~The director of~~



1 ~~transportation shall serve as its chairperson.]~~ The council
2 shall be chaired on an annually rotating basis between the
3 chairpersons of the respective committees of the house of
4 representatives and senate having jurisdiction over
5 transportation, or their designees. The following or their
6 designated representatives shall be members of the council: the
7 chief justice, the attorney general, the director of health,
8 the superintendent of education, the president of the University
9 of Hawaii, the chairperson of the house of representatives
10 standing committee having jurisdiction over transportation, the
11 chairperson of the senate standing committee having jurisdiction
12 over transportation, the chairperson of each of the county
13 highway safety councils established under section 286-6, and not
14 more than twenty other persons who shall be appointed by the
15 governor on the basis of their interest in [~~highway~~]
16 transportation safety[-] and related state goals.

- 17 (b) The state highway safety council shall [~~advise~~]:
18 (1) Review programs, projects, plans, and strategies
19 related to improving safety in ground transportation
20 in the department of transportation; and



S.B. NO. 1080

Report Title:

State Highway Safety Council; Composition; Duties

Description:

Amends the composition and duties of the state highway safety council.

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