
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
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



1 department and legislature to help achieve state transportation
2 goals and outcomes.

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

5 "**§286-5 State highway safety council.** (a) There is
6 established the Hawaii highway safety council. [~~The director of~~
7 ~~transportation shall serve as its chairperson.~~] The council
8 shall be chaired on an annually rotating basis by a member
9 appointed by the president of the senate and a member appointed
10 by the speaker of the house of representatives. In addition to
11 the member appointed by the president of the senate and member
12 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, the
13 following or their designated representatives shall be members
14 of the council: the chief justice, the attorney general, the
15 director of health, the superintendent of education, the
16 chairperson of the state public charter school commission, the
17 executive director of the state public charter school
18 commission, the president of the University of Hawaii, the
19 chairperson of the University of Hawaii at Manoa department of
20 urban and regional planning, the co-chairpersons of the Hawaii
21 climate change mitigation and adaptation commission, the



1 director of the office of planning and sustainable development,
2 the chief energy officer of the Hawaii state energy office, the
3 chairperson of each of the county highway safety councils
4 established under section 286-6, and [~~not~~] no more than [~~twenty~~]
5 twelve other persons who shall be appointed by the governor for
6 a three-year term as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (7) One member from an organization representing trucking
21 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 council shall [advise]:

11 (1) Review programs, projects, plans, and strategies
12 related to improving safety in ground transportation
13 in the department of transportation;

14 (2) Ensure transparency and oversight in programs,
15 projects, decisions, and spending related to ground
16 transportation in the department of transportation;

17 (3) Establish metrics and benchmarks for the department of
18 transportation to ensure progress on state goals
19 related to ground transportation, safety, and other
20 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 council who
2 are appointed and serving on the council before the effective
3 date of this Act shall continue to serve any remaining time left
4 in their terms; provided that their respective expertise aligns
5 with the council membership requirements pursuant to this Act.

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

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



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Report Title:

State Highway Safety Council; Composition; Duties

Description:

Amends the composition and duties of the state highway safety council. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)

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