
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§291C- Oversized commercial vehicles; prohibition from
5 using left lane. (a) Upon any roadway having two lanes for
6 moving traffic, no commercial vehicle weighing ten thousand
7 pounds or more shall be driven in the left lane unless:

8 (1) The commercial vehicle is able to maintain speed with
9 existing traffic flow; and

10 (2) The commercial vehicle is in the process of overtaking
11 and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same
12 direction under the rules governing such movement.

13 (b) Upon any roadway having three or more lanes for moving
14 traffic, no commercial vehicle weighing ten thousand pounds or
15 more shall be driven in the left lane.



1 (c) This section shall not apply to commercial vehicles
2 occupying the left lane for the purpose of turning left or
3 exiting, or preparing to turn left or exit.

4 (d) For the purposes of this section, "commercial vehicle"
5 shall have the same meaning as in section 291-11.5. "Commercial
6 vehicle" does not include buses or van pools operated by the
7 counties."

8 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Oversized Commercial Vehicles; Left Lane; Prohibition

Description:

Prohibits commercial vehicles weighing ten thousand pounds or more from driving in the left lane on all roadways with two lanes unless the commercial vehicle is able to maintain speed with existing traffic flow and is in the process of passing another vehicle. Provides exceptions for commercial vehicles turning or exiting left, or preparing to turn or exit left. Prohibits commercial vehicles weighing ten thousand pounds or more from driving in the left lane on all roadways with three or more lanes. Exempts buses and van pools operated by the counties. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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