
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The director of transportation shall
2 convene an intoxicated driving reduction working group, under
3 the leadership of Hawaii's strategic highway safety plan, to
4 discuss, study, examine, and recommend transformative changes to
5 the State's existing laws relating to the operation of a vehicle
6 while under the influence of an intoxicant to reduce incidents
7 of intoxicated driving.

8 (b) The working group shall consist of the following
9 members or their designees:

10 (1) The director of transportation, who shall serve as the
11 chair of the working group;

12 (2) A prosecutor from each county;

13 (3) A public defender from each county;

14 (4) The chair of the house standing committee on
15 transportation;

16 (5) The chair of the senate standing committee on
17 transportation; and



1 (6) A representative of law enforcement.

2 (c) The chair of the working group shall invite any other
3 person that the chair deems relevant to the purposes of the
4 working group.

5 (d) Members of the working group shall serve without
6 compensation and may conduct meetings remotely to carry out the
7 purposes of the working group.

8 (e) The working group shall discuss, study, and examine:

9 (1) The role of sobriety checkpoints in high-traffic
10 areas;

11 (2) Strategies and best practices for implementing and
12 utilizing sobriety checkpoints;

13 (3) Routine saturation patrols;

14 (4) The impact of reducing a person's permissible blood
15 alcohol level while operating a vehicle from .08 per
16 cent to .05 per cent; and

17 (5) Means of attracting additional law enforcement to
18 sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols.

19 (f) In conducting its work, the working group shall:

20 (1) Conduct informational meetings throughout the State
21 with community stakeholders;



1 (2) Convene meetings to develop recommendations to better
2 coordinate and improve the protection of pedestrians
3 and motorists in the State; and

4 (3) Identify best practices and methods to sustain
5 effective enforcement of state laws prohibiting the
6 operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an
7 intoxicant.

8 (g) The department of transportation shall submit to the
9 legislature:

10 (1) The updated strategic highway safety plan with an
11 outline of policy recommendations to combat
12 intoxicated driving no later than December 31, 2024;
13 and

14 (2) The strategic highway safety plan action plan with an
15 outline of policy recommendations to combat
16 intoxicated driving no later than December 31, 2025.

17 (h) The working group shall cease to exist on June 30,
18 2026.

19 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

DOT; SHSP; Driving Under the Influence; Working Group

Description:

Requires the Director of Transportation to convene an intoxicated driving reduction working group, under the leadership of Hawaii's strategic highway safety plan, to make recommendations for amendments to existing laws to reduce incidents of intoxicated driving. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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