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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[~~†~~]**\$291C-41**[~~†~~] **Drive on right side of roadway;**

4 **exceptions.** (a) Upon all roadways of sufficient width a
5 vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway,
6 except as follows:

7 (1) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding
8 in the same direction under the rules governing [~~such~~]
9 the movement;

10 (2) When an obstruction exists making it necessary to
11 drive to the left of the center of the highway;
12 provided any person so doing shall yield the right-of-
13 way to all vehicles traveling in the proper direction
14 upon the unobstructed portion of the highway within
15 [~~such~~] the distance [~~as to constitute~~] constituting an
16 immediate hazard;



1 (3) Upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes for
2 traffic under the rules applicable thereon; or

3 (4) Upon a roadway designated and signposted one-way
4 traffic.

5 (b) Upon all roadways any vehicle proceeding at less than
6 the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the
7 conditions then existing shall be driven in the right-hand lane
8 then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the
9 right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking
10 and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or
11 when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a
12 private road or driveway.

13 (c) Upon any roadway having four or more lanes for moving
14 traffic and providing for two-way movement of traffic, no
15 vehicle shall be driven to the left of the center line of the
16 roadway, except when authorized by official traffic-control
17 devices designating certain lanes to the left side of the center
18 of the roadway for use by traffic not otherwise permitted to use
19 [~~such~~] the lanes, or except as permitted under subsection
20 (a) (2). This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit the



1 crossing of the center line in making a left turn into or from
2 an alley, private road, or driveway.

3 (d) Upon any two-lane roadway providing for two-way
4 movement of traffic, any vehicle proceeding at less than the
5 speed limit where passing or overtaking another vehicle is not
6 possible or permitted, and a line of five or more vehicles is
7 following immediately behind, shall move off the roadway at the
8 nearest location where sufficient space exists for trailing
9 vehicles to overtake."

10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2819

Report Title:

Two-Lane Highways; Traffic Safety; Slow-Moving Vehicles

Description:

Requires slow-moving vehicles on a two-lane highway, behind which five vehicles are formed in a line, to pull over where possible to let the trailing vehicles proceed when passing is unsafe.

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