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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2025  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

**SB 485**

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RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

Decreases the exempted light transmittance for motor vehicle sun screening devices on front side wing vents and windows from thirty-five per cent to twenty per cent plus or minus six per cent. Decreases the exempted light transmittance for motor vehicle sun screening devices on side and rear windows necessary for driving visibility from thirty-five per cent to five per cent plus or minus six per cent. Repeals the requirement that a front number plate be affixed to the front of a motor vehicle. Makes conforming amendments.

TCA, JDC

**SB 398**

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RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL FEES.

Prohibits the charging of a fee for a lessee's spouse by a lessor under certain conditions.

TCA, CPN

**SB 1286**

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RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

Prohibits the collection, sale, or disclosure of any driver data that is obtained by a motor vehicle or other connected car service, feature, or application to any third-party without the explicit consent of the owner or lessee of the vehicle.

TCA, CPN

**SB 50**

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Testimony](#)

**RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

TCA, CPN

Part I: Establishes as a deceptive practice advertising, displaying, or offering a price for goods or services that does not include all mandatory fees or charges, subject to certain exceptions. Part II: Repeals the definition of "vehicle license recovery fees". Limits to vehicle license and registration fees and weight taxes the fees and taxes that a motor vehicle lessor may pass on to a lessee. Amends the prorated amount of vehicle license and registration fees and weight taxes that a motor vehicle lessor may pass on to a lessee. Repeals the requirement that rental car companies submit annual audits to the Office of Consumer Protection of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

**SB 1194**

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**RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.**

TCA, JDC

Prohibits any person from engaging in any activity that has the intent and effect of distracting drivers along streets, roadways, or other public property within one hundred feet of an intersection.

**SB 1481**

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**RELATING TO MOTORCYCLE INSTRUCTION PERMITS.**

TCA, JDC

Starting on July 1, 2026, requires all applicants for a motorcycle instruction permit to successfully complete a basic motorcycle rider course approved by the Department of Transportation before becoming eligible for the permit.

**SB 1195**

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**RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.**

TCA, JDC

Establishes buffer zones that ban street parking within certain distances of crosswalks under certain posted speed limits. Designates exemptions.

**SB 1667**

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**RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.**

TCA, WAM/JDC

Prohibits any vehicles from blocking marked crosswalks. Establishes additional penalties for repeat convictions for reckless driving and excessive speeding. Requires a person under arrest who refuses to submit to a breath, blood, or urine test to surrender their license to a law enforcement officer. Increases the duration of the suspension of a license when a person is arrested for driving under the influence and refuses to submit a breath, blood, or urine test. Allows the appeal of any license suspension to be filed with the administrative driver's license revocation office. Authorizes the State Highway Safety and Modernization Council to implement an additional twenty-five photo red light imaging detector systems. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to implement an additional twenty-five speed enforcement systems in school zones as designated by the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee. Establishes requirements for the State Highway Safety and Modernization Council. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

<b><u>SB 1124</u></b> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Establishes the retail delivery safety fee of 50 cents to be imposed on a retailer for each transaction involving a non-food item retail delivery in the State. Allows the retailer to transfer the fee to the purchaser. Creates certain exemptions. Requires the Director of Taxation to deposit the collected fees into the Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund. Allows the Director of Taxation to deposit collected fees that cover the administration of the retail delivery safety fee into the state general fund.	TCA, CPN/WAM
<b><u>SB 1123</u></b> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Requires the State Highway Modernization and Safety Council to conduct a thorough evaluation of vehicle characteristics and develop a set of standards to identify high-risk vehicles. Requires a report to the Legislature.	TCA, CPN
<b><u>SB 97</u></b> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES. Increases the penalty for a third or subsequent offense of excessive speeding to a class C felony. Authorizes the court, as part of the person's sentencing for the third or subsequent offense, to order that the vehicle used by the person in the commission of the offense be subject to forfeiture.	TCA, JDC
<b><u>SB 596</u></b> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes an income tax credit for the purchase of electric garbage trucks by qualified taxpayers. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2024.	TCA, WAM
<b><u>SB 1118</u></b> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Prohibits any business established after January 1, 2026, that uses, rents, or offers for rent mopeds in the course of their commercial business, from using a combustion engine-powered moped. Establishes penalties.	TCA, CPN/JDC
<b><u>SB 1094</u></b> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO VEHICLES. Requires that any new motor vehicle permitted by law to be equipped with a siren, whether purchased or contracted in the State to be equipped with dual frequency sirens.	TCA, JDC
<b><u>SB 312</u></b> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO AUDIBLE VEHICLE REVERSE WARNING SYSTEMS. Requires the use of current audible reverse warning systems (back-up beepers) on state and county-owned vehicles purchased on or after 1/1/2028, with more effective broadband reversing alarms by 1/1/2028.	TCA, JDC

Conditions the issuance of a certificate of inspection upon a vehicle not being equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system. Requires rules regarding safety check inspections to ensure that a motorcycle, moped, or motor vehicle is not equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system. Suspends, revokes, or refuses renewal of a permit for an official inspection station upon a third or subsequent wilful violation of any rule regarding inspecting a noisy muffler or exhaust system. Increases the maximum fine for motorcycle and moped owners that violate noisy muffler laws. Includes repairing or installing a noisy muffler or exhaust system as a prohibited practice for motor vehicle repair laws.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair