

ACT 207

H.B. NO. 756

A Bill for an Act Relating to Transportation.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

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

“§291C- Traffic control devices; uniform standards and specifications.

The department of transportation, after consultation with the counties, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 prescribing uniform standards and specifications for all official traffic control devices installed pursuant to this chapter, including stop signs, yield signs, speed limit signs, railroad warning approach signs, street name signs, crossing signs, any lines or markings on a roadway, and any other sign or marking required or authorized by the Federal Highway Administration’s Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as amended.”

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

“§291C- Speed limits; factors to consider. (a) The department of transportation or a county shall consider the following factors when setting a maximum speed limit pursuant to section 291C-102:

- (1) An engineering study conducted for the road whose maximum speed limit is being set; provided that the engineering study shall include an analysis of the current speed distribution of free-flowing vehicles; and
 - (2) Any other factors prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration’s Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as amended.
- (b) As used in this section, “engineering study” means a survey of highway and traffic conditions in accordance with methods determined by the department of transportation for use by state and local authorities. An engineering study shall consider the following factors:
- (1) Roadway characteristics including but not limited to shoulder condition grade, alignment, sight distance, and lane widths;
 - (2) Roadside development and environment, including the following:
 - (A) Number and types of side road access including signalized or unsignalized intersections;
 - (B) Pedestrian activity and facilities;
 - (C) Parking practices and activity; and
 - (D) Type of bicycle accommodations and facilities;
 - (3) Motor vehicle crashes resulting in deaths or injuries; and
 - (4) Prevailing speeds as determined by traffic engineering measurements.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 2, 2019.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.