

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-08**

(Establishing a Comprehensive Framework for Statewide Traffic and Roadway Safety)

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, and in alignment with our commitment to public safety and the health and welfare of all users of our transportation systems, I, JOSH GREEN, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, hereby declare and order as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the safety of Hawai'i's roadways is a matter of urgent public concern, with increasing incidents involving speeding, impaired driving, and unsafe operation of emerging transportation technologies such as electric bicycles (e-bikes); and

**WHEREAS**, the State recognizes the need for consistent, enforceable standards across counties to ensure the safe integration of e-bikes and other micromobility devices into public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, preliminary traffic fatality data for 2025 shows an increase of over 38% from 2024 year-to-date fatalities and 71% of fatalities involve vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcycle, motor scooter, and e-bike riders; and

**WHEREAS**, statewide preliminary data shows 87% of the fatal crashes between January 1 and August 21, 2025, involve risky or negligent behavior demonstrating a clear need to reinforce behavioral change through education and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, technological advancements such as dashcams offer new opportunities for crowd-sourcing evidence of hazardous driving behaviors and increasing awareness of driving laws within the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH GREEN, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, pursuant to my authority under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Hawai'i—including, but not limited to, section 286-3, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS)—do hereby order the following:

#### **SECTION 1: Statewide E-Bike Rules**

- a. The Department of Transportation, in consultation with county governments and other government entities as appropriate, shall promulgate rules relating to e-bikes and other non-conforming or unclassified high-speed electric devices, including:
  - E-Bike Operation Standards
  - High-Speed Electric Device Restrictions on Public Roadways
  - Consumer Awareness Requirements for Retailers
- b. The Department of Education is encouraged to set and enforce policies to prohibit students from bringing non-conforming e-bikes onto public school campuses.

#### **SECTION 2: Mandatory Safety Class Attendance**

- a. The Judiciary is encouraged to implement mandatory attendance requirements in certified safety education programs for individuals cited for excessive speeding or Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant (OVUII) as a condition of adjudication or diversion.

### **SECTION 3: Tiered System for Driver's License Renewal Based on Driving Records**

- a. The Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the counties, shall consider the feasibility of implementing tiered driver license renewal protocols that reward safe drivers while ensuring closer oversight and corrective measures for drivers with unsafe records through administrative rules. This may include, but is not limited to:
  - Establishing a system of driving record levels, such as good, moderate, and poor, based on a driver's traffic abstract and/or historical driving data; and
  - Creating a tiered system of driver's license renewal requirements based on driving record levels and additional criteria.

### **SECTION 4: Use of Public Video Footage in Enforcement**

- a. The Department of Transportation shall encourage and support the formation of a task force with similar structure to the Red-Light Running Task Force to make recommendations on streamlining the use of video footage submitted by the public as supplemental evidence in traffic safety investigations and enforcement actions, subject to privacy and evidentiary standards.

### **SECTION 5: Impounding of Vehicles Involved in Repeat Traffic Offenses**

- a. The Department of Transportation shall consult with the counties and other public safety stakeholders to create recommendations to the Legislature for vehicle

impoundment for repeat traffic offenses, including but not limited to e-bikes that have been modified to exceed the manufacturer's top assisted speed.

## **SECTION 6: Supporting Enforcement of Traffic Violations**

- a. Although Hawai'i is one of the highest observed states in seatbelt usage, roughly 55% of the fatal crashes in 2025 involved motor vehicle occupants not wearing their seatbelts. This demonstrates the importance of enforcing safety device requirements, which may often be overlooked as minor infractions.
- b. The Department of Transportation shall gather and review data to identify high-risk traffic corridors throughout the State where enhanced enforcement of traffic violations, including compliance with e-bike operation standards, is warranted.
- c. The Department of Transportation shall seek out supplementary funding to provide the county police departments and the Department of Law Enforcement with additional resources for monitoring high-risk traffic corridors, enforcing violations of the State Traffic Code, as well as any administrative rules promulgated pursuant to Section 1, and coordinating statewide traffic safety initiatives without diverting law enforcement from major crimes.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in force unless modified or rescinded by a subsequent Executive Order.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the City and  
County of Honolulu, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 2025.

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JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
Governor of Hawai'i

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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ANNE E. LOPEZ  
ATTORNEY GENERAL