

with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on October 21, 2024, at 89 FR 84240. There were no comments received.

**Title:** National Scenic Byway Program (NSBP).

**Background:** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) administers the NSBP. It was established by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 in section 162 of title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.), and reauthorized and expanded significantly in 1998 under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century and again under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users in 2005. The NSBP is a grass-roots collaborative effort established to help recognize, preserve, and enhance selected roads throughout the United States. Before 2019, Congress last authorized discretionary NSBP funds in 2012 under the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012. Between 1992 and 2012, FHWA awarded over \$505 million in NSBP grants. In 2022, FHWA awarded approximately \$21.8 million in grants to 33 projects.

**Respondents:** The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), announcing up to \$26.95 million of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and 2024 funding for the National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP) discretionary grants is now available for State DOTs and federally recognized Indian Tribes on [grants.gov](https://www.fhwa.gov/grants.gov). FHWA is expecting roughly 200 applicants to apply for NSBP grant funding.

**Frequency:** NOFOs and grant solicitations will be published annually by FHWA but, are subject to the availability of funds in appropriations or, any legislation signed into law authorizing funds.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** 3 hours per respondent per applicant.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** It is expected that the respondents will complete approximately 200 applications for an estimated total of 600 annual burden hours.

**Public Comments Invited:** You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or

include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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**Jazmyne Lewis,**

*Information Collection Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2024-0289]

#### Commercial Driver's License: State of Hawaii; Application for Exemption

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces that the State of Hawaii has applied for an exemption from specified portions of the commercial driver's license (CDL) skills test and entry-level driver training (EDLT) curriculum requirements. The State of Hawaii currently has a two-year exemption that expires on February 20, 2026, under which it may waive portions of the CDL skills test for CDL applicants who take the skills test on the islands of Lanai and Molokai and grant restricted CDLs to successful applicants. The State of Hawaii now requests a five-year exemption of these provisions, with the addition of an exemption from certain portions of the ELDT curriculum requirements for providers of behind-the-wheel (BTW) public road training on the islands of Lanai and Molokai. FMCSA requests public comment on the applicant's request for an exemption and whether the Agency should withdraw Hawaii's current exemption that expires on February 20, 2026, and grant a new five-year exemption from both the CDL skills test and the ELDT requirements.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 29, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Number FMCSA-2024-0289 by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). See the Public Participation and Request for Comments section below for further information.

- **Mail:** Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** West Building, Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Fax:** (202) 493-2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number (FMCSA-2024-0289) for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

**Docket:** If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket by visiting Docket Operations on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, which can be reviewed under the "Department Wide System of Records Notices" at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Richard Clemente, Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards, FMCSA; (202) 366-2722; or [richard.clemente@dot.gov](mailto:richard.clemente@dot.gov). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations at (202) 366-9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

#### Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2024-0289), indicate

the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for your suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and put the docket number "FMCSA-2024-0289" in the "Keyword" box, and click "Search." When the new screen appears, click on the "Comment" button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

#### *Confidential Business Information (CBI)*

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, and that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to the notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as "PROPIN" to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001 or via email at [brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov](mailto:brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov). At this time, you need not send a duplicate hardcopy of your electronic CBI submissions to FMCSA headquarters. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as

CBI will be placed in the public docket for this notice.

## II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including the applicant's safety analyses. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely maintain a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305(a)). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision(s) from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reasons for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

## III. Applicant's Request

The State of Hawaii seeks a five-year exemption from the requirements in 49 CFR 383.113(c) that an applicant for a CDL must demonstrate the ability to signal appropriately when changing direction in traffic and the ability to choose a safe gap for changing lanes, passing other vehicles, and crossing or entering traffic (49 CFR 383.113(c)(2) and (4)). The Agency granted this same relief to Hawaii on February 20, 2024, until February 20, 2026 (89 FR 12940). Hawaii maintains that the islands of Lanai and Molokai do not have at least two miles of a straight section of urban business street and at least two miles of an expressway or highway section with multiple lanes going in each direction to allow the ability to legally change lanes. The applicant states that there are no plans to change the infrastructure to include sections of roadway meeting these parameters prior to the expiration date of the current exemption.

The applicant further requests regulatory relief for any provider of ELDT BTW public road training on these islands from full compliance with the ELDT requirements in 49 CFR part 380, appendix A and B. Specifically, the applicant requests relief from Unit A3.1

of the class A CDL training curriculum, and Unit B3.1 of the Class B CDL training curriculum. Both units are titled, "Vehicle Controls Including: Left Turns, Right Turns, Lane Changes, Curves at Highway Speeds, and Entry and Exit on the Interstate or Controlled Access Highway."

A copy of the State of Hawaii's application for exemption is available for review in the docket for this notice.

## IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the State of Hawaii's application for an exemption. FMCSA specifically requests comment on whether the Agency should withdraw the applicant's existing exemption that expires on February 20, 2026 (89 FR 12940) and grant a new five-year exemption from the same requirements in 49 CFR 383.113(c) and the requested regulatory relief to providers of ELDT BTW public road training on the islands of Lanai and Molokai. All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2009-0072]

### Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on October 8, 2024, Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at