

MT Committee

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Aloha Chair Sugimura & Members:

Mahalo for hearing us. This subject is very dear to us Hana people who have been driving the Hana road over 40 years. Aside from the Tourist who stop at every yield sign, when we can see clearly to the other side of the bridge that it's clear, understanding their eyes not trained to look ahead so you don't need to stop.

Aside from that, following a train of cars who refuse to pull over because of course, the car in front of you caught up with the car in front of them & so on and so on, so they think why should I let you pass when the car at the front is going slower than me? Therein lies the culprit, the car at the front, just mili mili going 5 mph, not taking pictures, not looking at waterfalls, just people who not paying attention what's going on behind them, usually, but not always an older couple, sometimes a family with kids, probably on their first trip to Hawaii, probably scared of the drive. The front car! They need to know where the pull outs are because by the time they see it, it's too late, they're already half past it. I know this because when I pull up behind one car & honk just before a pull out (after 40 plus years, you kinda know where they are), they always, always pull out. If they miss the first one, they'll pull out on the next honk.

Therefore, signs showing them when a pullout is coming up, telling them to use it, or both, will greatly decrease the road rage on the Hana road & increase our happiness. ☐☐. I'm very mild because I've travelled & there's been places where we didn't know the road, but there's signs telling you slower cars, use the pullouts, 50 feet ahead or 100 feet ahead. But some people never stop honking, stick their heads out & scream at them. I think this is the answer to the problem, warn them to use the pull outs & show them where it is.

Mahalo nui,

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