

MT Committee

From: Toni Schattauer <etoni808@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 29, 2019 5:42 PM
To: MT Committee
Subject: Hana Road traffic, re: MT-30

Dear Yuki Lei Sugimura and committee members,

There are countless times when my car to and from Hana has been positioned behind tourists who are trying to drive the two-lane Hana Highway. I feel for the tourists because I know that most of them have NEVER been on a road like ours, and while some of them are cluelessly self-absorbed, most of them are just trying to drive their best, obey the rules of the road, and enjoy it, but they also have no idea about the "etiquette" of rural mountain roads, and I feel there could be a polite way to instruct them about that (beyond honking them over and flipping them the bird, which I have witnessed a lot of, and certainly felt capable of, many times -- although I've resisted the urge).

The proposed rule of 5 cars seems a more than generous rule to implement, but I'd say that it's definitely better than being behind 12-20 cars! Please pass this regulation!

Also, how about a sign every few miles before a pull out: "pull-out ahead, pull over for faster local traffic of more than 2 cars" (or five cars, or whatever)?

Also, didn't Maui County just "bless" rental companies with their very own, very expensive rental car center at Kahului Airport? How about a little payback request, in the form of a requirement that rental cars all have a specific insert in their standard rental contract that their agents bring attention to during the car check-out (and/or a dashboard sticker on each car); as in: "There are several special roads on Maui that are wonderful to travel, but also very narrow, which makes passing safely very difficult. One of them is the Hana Road, and as our customer, we ask you to please have respect for local traffic (who are mostly NOT on vacation like you are) by pulling over when you see that you are holding up 2 or more cars in traffic -- as soon as you can safely, . Also, there is a regulation that you MUST pull over if there are 5+ cars behind you."

One more thing: you might have to allocate some funds for more safe pull-outs on the Hana Highway. Really needs it.

Thanks for your consideration.
Sincerely, with aloha,

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