HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND A PROCESS
TO CREATE A CITIZEN ROAD WATCH PROGRAM.

1   WHEREAS, in 2005, speeding-related fatalities accounted for
2 nearly half of all the traffic fatalities in Hawaii; and
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4   WHEREAS, in November, 2006, Honolulu police initiated a
5 sweeping crackdown on dangerous drivers in a campaign to reduce
6 the number of speeding-related accidents and fatalities; and
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8   WHEREAS, during the first three weeks of the crackdown,
9 Honolulu police issued 2,696 speeding citations and 463 warnings
10 to motorists; and
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12   WHEREAS, typically, the Honolulu police issue an average of
13 3,000 speeding citations each month; and
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15   WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce speeding in residential
16 areas, a number of communities in other states have established
17 programs to engage local residents in changing driver behavior
18 on their neighborhood streets; and
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20   WHEREAS, for instance, Neighborhood Speed Watch programs in
21 communities in California, North Carolina, Colorado, Virginia,
22 and Washington train residents how to use radar equipment and
23 collect speed data in their neighborhoods; and
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25   WHEREAS, participating residents record the speed and
26 license plate information of speeding motor vehicles that is
27 then sent to the owner of the vehicle informing the owner of the
28 violation and encouraging the owner or driver of the vehicle to
29 drive at or below the posted speed limit; and
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31   WHEREAS, the Road Watch program in Richmond Hill,
32 California, gives residents an opportunity to report aggressive

1 and unsafe driving in their neighborhoods to the police through
2 the use of Citizen Report forms; and
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4 WHEREAS, this information assists the police in identifying
5 unsafe driving acts or "hot spots" that are traffic problem
6 areas; and
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8 WHEREAS, a similar initiative in Hawaii could help deter
9 speeding in local neighborhoods by raising public awareness of
10 the issue and educating drivers about the negative consequences
11 of speeding; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the President of
16 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are
17 requested to convene a task force to recommend a process to
18 create a Citizen Road Watch program; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of:
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22 (1)   One member of the Senate appointed by the President of
23   the Senate;
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25 (2)   One member of the House of Representatives appointed
26   by the Speaker of the House;
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28 (3)   One representative of the Department of
29   Transportation;
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31 (4)   The City and County of Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney
32   or the Prosecuting Attorney's designee;
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34 (5)   The Public Defender or the Public Defender's designee;
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36 (6)   One representative of the City and County of Honolulu
37   Police Department;
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39 (7)   One representative of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning
40   Organization;
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42 (8)   One representative of the Oahu Neighborhood Boards
43   appointed by the President of the Senate; and
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1 (9) One representative of the Oahu Neighborhood Boards
2   appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
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4   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
5 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
6 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
7 the Regular Session of 2008; and
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9   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
11 Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Director of
12 Transportation, the Prosecuting Attorney, the Public Defender,
13 the Police Chief, and the Executive Director of the Oahu
14 Metropolitan Planning Organization.
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