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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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 Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the  
16 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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(9) One representative of the Oahu Neighborhood Boards appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Director of Transportation, the Prosecuting Attorney, the Public Defender, the Police Chief, and the Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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