HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF HAWAII'S DRIVERS REGARDING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO BLIND PEDESTRIANS.

WHEREAS, many driver's license examinations nationwide 1 2 include questions regarding blind pedestrians; and 3 WHEREAS, Act 75, Session Laws of Hawaii 1972, specifically 4 established the responsibilities of drivers toward blind 5 pedestrians, and thirty-nine years later, none of Hawaii's 6 counties have included questions about these responsibilities on 7 8 any driver licensing examinations; and 9 WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10 and Senate 10 Resolution No. 20 were offered in 2010 and requested 11 12 improvements in public awareness with regard to drivers' responsibilities to blind pedestrians; and 13 14 15 WHEREAS, these resolutions called for the inclusion of questions regarding drivers' responsibilities to blind 16 pedestrians on all state drivers' license examinations; and 17 18 WHEREAS, these resolutions also requested the Department of 19 Education to discuss responsibilities toward blind pedestrians 20 in its drivers' education program; and 21 22 23 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Association of the Blind, at its fortythird annual convention on March 13, 2010, strongly criticized 24 the state Legislature's refusal to hold a hearing to receive 25 testimony on the careless disregard of blind pedestrians by 26 drivers; now, therefore, 27 28 29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 30 of 2011, that this body hereby expresses its strong support for 31



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1 the education of Hawaii's drivers regarding their 2 responsibilities to blind pedestrians; and 3

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the drivers' licensing administrator for the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, and the city and county of Honolulu, and the President of the Hawaii Association of the Blind.

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