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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING PROOF OF  
MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE TO PURCHASE FUEL.

1 WHEREAS, according to a January 2009 article in The  
2 Honolulu Advertiser, an Insurance Research Council report stated  
3 that one in eight, or approximately twelve per cent, of Hawaii  
4 drivers were uninsured in 2007; and

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6 WHEREAS, the report by the Insurance Research Council also  
7 found a strong correlation between the per cent of uninsured  
8 motorists and the unemployment rate; and

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10 WHEREAS, an increase in the unemployment rate of one  
11 percentage point is associated with an increase in the uninsured  
12 motorist rate of more than three-quarters of a percentage point;  
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15 WHEREAS, the Insurance Commissioner responded to the report  
16 and said the rate could even be higher, and some analysts  
17 believed several years ago that it was closer to one in five, or  
18 twenty per cent; and

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20 WHEREAS, uninsured motorists are a problem because when an  
21 uninsured motorist is in an accident, other motorists often have  
22 to sue to collect damages or rely on insurance to recover any  
23 loss; and

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25 WHEREAS, uninsured motorist coverage is intended to pay for  
26 damages to an insured driver on behalf of an uninsured motorist;  
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29 WHEREAS, one suggested approach to removing uninsured  
30 drivers from the road is to deny them access to purchase  
31 gasoline at gas stations, by issuing motor vehicle insurance  
32 cards to insured motorists to allow them to purchase gas; and  
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1 WHEREAS, a motor vehicle insurance card that is  
2 electronically readable has other benefits, such as:

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4 (1) Reducing the number of uninsured motorists;  
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6 (2) Reducing insurance costs by reducing the premium of  
7 uninsured motorist coverage; and  
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9 (3) Coordinating insurance requirements with other  
10 requirements such as driver licenses and safety  
11 checks; now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the Insurance  
16 Commissioner is requested to study the feasibility of requiring  
17 motor vehicle insurance companies to issue motor vehicle  
18 insurance cards to insured drivers and to require that the card  
19 be scanned electronically or examined by sellers of gasoline as  
20 a precondition to purchasing gasoline; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Insurance Commissioner  
23 report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature,  
24 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days  
25 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Insurance  
29 Commissioner.  
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