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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE INSURANCE DIVISION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF A WEB SERVICES-BASED DATABASE PROGRAM TO TRACK UNINSURED MOTORISTS.

WHEREAS, a national report from the Insurance Research Council estimates that the rate of uninsured motorists in Hawaii was eleven percent in 2009; and

WHEREAS, uninsured motorists contribute to the increased cost of motor vehicle insurance for all Hawaii motorists; and

WHEREAS, one method of reducing the number of uninsured motorists is the adoption of a web services-based database program that connects a state agency directly with an insurer to provide real-time confirmation of insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, other states, including Wyoming, Oklahoma, and Nevada, have adopted web services-based programs to verify motor vehicle insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, Utah has a similar uninsured motorist identification program funded through a \$1 per vehicle uninsured motorist identification fee; and

WHEREAS, the State and insured motorists would benefit if Hawaii had a program designed to track uninsured motorists and enforce penalties or sanctions against those motorists found in violation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is requested to convene a working group to explore the creation of a web services-based database program to track uninsured motorists; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to establish a mechanism for funding the uninsured motorist database program and recommend penalties or sanctions for motorists found to be in violation of the State's mandatory motor vehicle insurance requirements; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be composed of representatives from the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, the county motor vehicle divisions, county law enforcement agencies, and Property Casualty Insurers Association of America; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Insurance Division is requested to report the working group's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2013; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group members not be considered employees for the purposes of chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, based solely upon their participation in the working group; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved on June 30, 2013; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, the respective county motor vehicle divisions, the respective county law enforcement agencies, and Property Casualty Insurers Association of America.

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