
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING STATEWIDE SUPPORT FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION TO
REDUCE MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITIES AND INJURIES.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation supports all
2 efforts to reduce motor vehicle fatalities through legislation;
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5 WHEREAS, during the calendar years of 2013-2017, Hawaii
6 tallied five-hundred seventeen motor vehicle fatalities, which
7 is unacceptable as these deaths were preventable if all roadway
8 users followed Hawaii's laws; and
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10 WHEREAS, a strong multifaceted approach using enforcement,
11 education, and legislation is necessary to reduce the number of
12 motor vehicle fatalities and injuries; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Legislature is urging statewide support for
15 traffic safety measures that increase public safety, including
16 measures that:
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- 18 (1) Use general funds to establish a state drug testing
19 lab to test blood samples of persons involved in motor
20 vehicle crashes for alcohol and drugs because
21 currently blood samples need to be sent out of State,
22 which results in unnecessary delays and costs;
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- 24 (2) Allow county police departments to receive a portion
25 of the fines for the citations they issue to be used
26 for increased county enforcement efforts, equipment
27 purchases, and training;
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- 29 (3) Strengthen Hawaii's Child Passenger Restraint Law by
30 extending the age requirement for children riding in a
31 booster seat because child safety seats, when



1 correctly installed and used, are extremely effective
2 in saving children's lives, reducing the risk of death
3 by as much as 71 percent for infants and 54 percent
4 for toddlers;

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6 (4) Provide stronger penalties for persons who violate
7 Hawaii's Universal Seat Belt Law because research has
8 found that seat belts reduce the risk of fatal
9 injuries by 45 percent and the risk of critical
10 injuries by 50 percent; and
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12 (5) Establish a marijuana education program to help the
13 public understand the perils of edible marijuana,
14 especially the dangers of driving while impaired to
15 prevent an increase in drug impaired driving
16 fatalities; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Legislature supports full consideration and
19 robust discussion on these issues and other traffic safety
20 legislation in the current and future legislative sessions to
21 address roadway safety so that all of Hawaii's residents and
22 visitors arrive alive; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges
27 statewide support of traffic safety legislation to reduce motor
28 vehicle fatalities and injuries; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chief
32 Justice, Attorney General, Director of Transportation, Director
33 of Health, Director of Public Safety, the mayors of each county,
34 and the Chief of Police of each county.

