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S.C.R. NO. 175

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY WAYS TO
ENCOURAGE ALL POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS IN THE STATE TO HAVE
A CERTIFIED CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN AVAILABLE TO
INSPECT CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's child passenger restraint law, codified
2 as section 291-11.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires children
3 under four years of age to be properly restrained in a child
4 passenger restraint system that meets federal motor vehicle
5 safety standards at the time of the system's manufacture; and
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7 WHEREAS, the child passenger restraint law further requires
8 that children four years of age or older, but less than eight
9 years of age, must be properly restrained in a child safety seat
10 or booster seat that meets federal motor vehicle safety
11 standards, unless the child meets certain exemptions; and
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13 WHEREAS, persons operating a vehicle in violation of the
14 child passenger restraint law are required to appear in court,
15 attend a four-hour course on child passenger restraint system
16 safety, and pay a fine between \$100 and \$500; and
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18 WHEREAS, currently, parents who wish to have their child's
19 safety seat or booster seat inspected to ensure that the seat
20 meets the requirements of state law have limited options; and
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22 WHEREAS, although certain inspection stations offer free
23 car seat inspection services, these stations are limited in
24 number, especially on neighbor islands; and
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26 WHEREAS, for example, on the island of Hawaii, inspection
27 stations are located only in Hilo, Kailua-Kona, and Kamuela; and
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1 WHEREAS, on the island of Maui, child seat inspections are
2 only available in Wailuku, Hana, and Lahaina; and

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4 WHEREAS, on the island of Kauai, inspection stations are
5 located only in Lihue; and

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7 WHEREAS, the limited number of inspection station locations
8 means that parents often need to make long drives to have safety
9 seats inspected; and

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11 WHEREAS, many other states offer a higher number of
12 inspection locations, typically at neighborhood fire and police
13 stations, thereby ensuring that all residents have convenient
14 access to safety seat or booster seat inspections; and

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16 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii should examine whether a
17 similar approach would be feasible here; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
22 Transportation is requested to study ways to encourage all
23 police and fire stations in the State to have a certified child
24 passenger safety technician available to inspect child safety
25 and booster seats; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
28 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
29 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
30 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
31 the Regular Session of 2019; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
35 Transportation.

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