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# SENATE 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, statewide support is needed for traffic safety  
15 measures that increase public safety, including measures that:  
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17           (1) Appropriate general funds to establish an in-state  
18 drug testing lab to test blood samples of persons  
19 involved in motor vehicle crashes for alcohol and  
20 drugs, as currently blood samples need to be sent out  
21 of the State, which results in unnecessary delays and  
22 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 seventy-one percent for infants and  
4 fifty-four percent 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 forty-five percent and the risk of  
10 critical injuries by fifty 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, full consideration and robust discussion on these  
19 issues and other traffic safety legislation in the current and  
20 future legislative sessions to address roadway safety are  
21 necessary so that all of Hawaii's residents and visitors arrive  
22 alive; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
26 House of Representatives concurring, that this body 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, Mayors of each county, and  
34 Chief of Police of each county.

