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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN EXPANDED STATEWIDE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF EACH COUNTY, TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE'S "MOVE OVER LAW".

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Transportation, between 1997 and 2019, more than one hundred fifty law enforcement officers were struck and killed by vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, in response to two separate vehicle-related officer deaths, Hawaii enacted a "move over law", which was codified in section 291C-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, section 291C-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires drivers to slow down to a reasonable speed and, if necessary, change into an adjacent lane upon approaching an emergency vehicle that is stopped for an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Transportation produced a short public service announcement on its YouTube channel on May 14, 2019, to raise public awareness of the State's "move over law"; and

WHEREAS, the recent death of a tow truck driver who was struck and killed by a vehicle while responding to an emergency on the H-2 freeway demonstrates that noncompliance with the State's "move over law" remains an issue; and

WHEREAS, a more effective public awareness campaign will increase compliance with the State's "move over law"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the Hawaii Department of Transportation is urged to develop and implement an expanded statewide public awareness campaign in conjunction with the Hawaii County Police Department, Honolulu Police Department, Kauai County Police Department, and Maui County

Police Department, to educate the public about the State's "move over law", as codified in section 291C-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes: and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and chief of police of each county police department in the state of Hawaii.

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OFFERED BY: Kurt Ferella.