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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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".

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

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

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

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

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

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

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29          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
30 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
31 Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Department of



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1 Transportation is urged to develop and implement an expanded  
 2 statewide public awareness campaign in conjunction with the  
 3 Hawaii County Police Department, Honolulu Police Department,  
 4 Kauai County Police Department, and Maui County Police  
 5 Department, to educate the public about the State's "move over  
 6 law", as codified in section 291C-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes;  
 7 and

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

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