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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of  
2 Transportation, more than one hundred fifty law enforcement  
3 officers were struck and killed by vehicles between 1997 and  
4 2019; 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 that drivers, upon approaching an emergency vehicle that is  
12 stopped for an emergency, slow down to a reasonable speed and,  
13 if necessary, make a lane change into the adjacent lane; and

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15 WHEREAS, on May 14, 2019, the Hawaii Department of  
16 Transportation posted a short public service announcement on its  
17 YouTube channel 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 help to increase compliance with the State's "move over law";  
27 now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,  
31 that the Hawaii Department of Transportation is urged to develop  
32 and implement, in conjunction with the respective police  
33 departments of the City and County of Honolulu and the counties



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1 of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, an expanded statewide public  
2 awareness campaign to educate the public about the State's "move  
3 over law", as codified in section 291C-27, Hawaii Revised  
4 Statutes; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and  
8 respective police chiefs of the City and County of Honolulu and  
9 the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui.

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