
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND POLICE DEPARTMENT OF EACH COUNTY, TO DEVELOP 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 Governor, Department of Transportation, and Department
32 of Health, in conjunction with the respective police departments



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

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

