
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE
DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF
TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is tasked with
2 creating a framework for the State's Driver Education Program;
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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Education offers driver
6 education programs throughout public schools in the State; and
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8 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor David Ige issued a
9 Third Supplementary Proclamation Related to the Coronavirus
10 Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Emergency, which ordered all persons
11 within the State to stay at home or in their place of residence
12 except as necessary to maintain operations of critical
13 infrastructure sectors; and
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15 WHEREAS, as a result, Governor Ige temporarily suspended
16 specific sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Department
17 of Transportation administrative rules; and
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19 WHEREAS, due to the lack of availability of driver
20 instructors and flexibility of the Department of Transportation
21 to allow for online class instruction, there has been limited
22 availability for classes, especially for neighbor island
23 residents; and
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25 WHEREAS, even before COVID-19, the lack of available
26 classes and instructors on the neighbor islands caused students
27 to take classes on Oahu; and
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1 WHEREAS, now with a high demand for classes caused by a
2 backlog, many students have been turned away, causing a lack of
3 fair access; and

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5 WHEREAS, driver education is important for every driver as
6 it provides the knowledge and skills of driving that are applied
7 while developing the attitudes and habits of a responsible
8 driver; and

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10 WHEREAS, persons eighteen years of age or older are not
11 required to complete a formal driver education course prior to
12 obtaining a driver's license; thus, having enough available
13 classes and options for students will ensure a higher rate of
14 completion; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
18 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
19 conduct a performance audit of the Driver Education Program
20 administered by the Departments of Transportation and Education;
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
24 examine the administration of, as well as the policies and
25 procedures, the Driver Education Program; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
28 examine the backlog of driver education opportunities and
29 programs and whether these activities are being conducted
30 effectively, efficiently, economically, ethically, and
31 equitably; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
34 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
35 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
36 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
37 2023; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
41 of Transportation, Chairperson of the Board of Education,
42 Interim Superintendent of Education, and Auditor.



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