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## HOUSE 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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29 WHEREAS, now with a high demand for classes caused by a  
30 backlog, many students have been turned away, causing a lack of  
31 fair access; and  
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1 WHEREAS, driver education is important for every driver as  
2 it provides the knowledge and skills of driving that are applied  
3 while developing the attitudes and habits of a responsible  
4 driver; and

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

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
14 of 2022, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a performance  
15 audit of the Driver Education Program administered by the  
16 Departments of Transportation and Education; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
19 examine the administration of, as well as the policies and  
20 procedures, the Driver Education Program; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
23 examine the backlog of driver education opportunities and  
24 programs and whether these activities are being conducted  
25 effectively, efficiently, economically, ethically, and  
26 equitably; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
29 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
30 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
31 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
32 2023; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of  
36 Transportation, Chairperson of the Board of Education, Interim  
37 Superintendent of Education, and Auditor.

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40 OFFERED BY: 

