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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VISION ZERO.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that vision zero is a  
2 traffic safety program that seeks to end traffic deaths and  
3 serious injuries.

4           The legislature further finds that the idea originated in  
5 Sweden, which adopted vision zero as a national policy in 1997  
6 and by 2013 had achieved a record low of road accident  
7 fatalities. In 2000, the state of Washington became the first  
8 in the United States to adopt the program and to set an  
9 aggressive goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries by  
10 2030. Washington reported that the state averaged twenty-two  
11 fewer traffic fatalities and eighty fewer serious injuries each  
12 year from 2002 to 2011.

13           The legislature finds that many of the country's large  
14 cities, including New York, Boston, Los Angeles, Chicago, and  
15 Washington, DC, and certain states, including Maryland, North  
16 Dakota, and North Carolina, have adopted vision zero or similar  
17 programs. The Federal Highway Administration is also committed



1 to eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries, adopting  
2 a policy called "toward zero deaths."

3 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
4 transportation to adopt and implement a vision zero program.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
7 designated and to read as follows:

8 "§286- Vision zero program. (a) The department of  
9 transportation shall implement a vision zero program by July 1,  
10 2022.

11 (b) The goal of the vision zero program shall be to  
12 eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries in Hawaii by  
13 2030.

14 (c) The department of transportation, in conjunction with  
15 the counties, shall take the necessary steps to implement the  
16 program.

17 (d) The director of transportation may adopt rules  
18 pursuant to chapter 91 for the purposes of this section.

19 (e) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
20 each regular session, the department of transportation shall  
21 submit a report to the legislature on the progress made toward



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1 the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious  
2 injuries."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

DOT; Vision Zero

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Transportation to implement a vision zero program in Hawaii by 7/1/2022. Establishes a goal of no traffic fatalities or serious injuries by 2030.

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