SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF ELIMINATING THE STATE'S SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, many residents complain that the State's vehicle 1 safety inspection requirements for motor vehicles are 2 ineffective and inconsistently applied; and 3 4 WHEREAS, it is unclear whether the costs of overseeing and 5 enforcing the inspections are justified by the inspections' 6 7 benefits; and 8 WHEREAS, vehicle component failure is a factor in a very 9 small percentage of motor vehicle accidents, nationally and in 10 11 Hawaii; and 12 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the Department of Transportation found 13 that alcohol, speed, and distracted driving are leading causes 14 of fatal traffic accidents in the State, rather than causes 15 related to the vehicles' condition; and 16 17 WHEREAS, many states have eliminated inspection 18 requirements without experiencing increased motor vehicle 19 accidents or injuries; now, therefore, 20 21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second 22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, 23 that the Department of Transportation is requested to conduct a 24 study of the feasibility and advisability of eliminating the 25 State's safety inspection requirements for motor vehicles; and 26 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of 28 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings 29 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the 30 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of 31 the regular session of 2024; and 32 33

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

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