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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED.

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

| 1 | SECTI | ON 1. (a) There is established an intoxicated |
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| 2 | driving re | duction working group within the department of |
| 3 | transporta | tion to study, investigate, and recommend |
| 4 | transforma | tive changes to the State's existing laws relating to |
| 5 | the operat | ion of a vehicle while under the influence of an |
| 6 | intoxicant | to reduce incidents of intoxicated driving. |
| 7 | (b) | The working group shall consist of the following |
| 8 | members or | their designees: |
| 9 | (1) | The director of transportation, who shall serve as the |
| 10 | | chair of the working group; |
| 11 | (2) | A prosecutor from each county; |
| 12 | (3) | A public defender from each county; |
| 13 | (4) | The chair of the house standing committee on |
| 14 | | transportation; and |
| 15 | (5) | The chair of the senate standing committee on |
| 16 | • | transportation. |
| 17 | (C) | The chair of the working group shall invite any |

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| 1 | other person that the chair deems relevant to the purposes of | | |
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| 2 | the working group. | | |
| 3 | (d) | Members of the working shall serve without | |
| 4 | compensat | ion and may conduct meetings remotely to carry out the | |
| 5 | purposes | of the working group. | |
| 6 | (e) | The working group shall study and investigate: | |
| 7 | (1) | The role of sobriety checkpoints in high traffic | |
| 8 | | areas; | |
| 9 | (2) | Strategies and best practices for implementing and | |
| 10 | | utilizing sobriety check points; | |
| 11 | (3) | Routine saturation patrols; | |
| 12 | (4) | The impact of reducing a person's permissible blood | |
| 13 | | alcohol level while operating a vehicle from .08 per | |
| 14 | | cent to .05 per cent; and | |
| 15 | (5) | Means of attracting additional law enforcement to | |
| 16 | | sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols. | |
| 17 | (f) | In conducting its work, the working group shall: | |
| 18 | (1) | Conduct informational meetings throughout the State | |
| 19 | | with community stakeholders; | |

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| 1 | (2) | Convene meetings to develop recommendations to better |
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| 2 | | coordinate and improve the protection of pedestrians |
| 3 | | and motorists in the State; and |
| 4 | (3) | Identify best practices and methods to sustain |
| 5 | | effective enforcement of state laws prohibiting the |
| 6 | | operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an |
| 7 | | intoxicant. |
| 8 | (g) | The working group shall submit a report of its |
| 9 | findings | and recommendations, including any proposed |
| 10 | legislati | on, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior |
| 11 | to the co | nvening of the regular session of 2025. |
| 12 | (h) | The working group shall cease to exist on June 30, |
| 13 | 2025. | |
| 14 | SECT | ION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000. |

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Report Title:

Driving Under the Influence; Working Group

Description:

Establishes an intoxicated driving reduction working group to make recommendations for amendments to existing laws to reduce incidents of intoxicated driving. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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