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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, many residents complain that the State's vehicle
2 safety inspection requirements for motor carrier vehicles are
3 ineffective and inconsistently applied; and
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5 WHEREAS, it is unclear whether the costs of overseeing and
6 enforcing the inspections are justified by the inspections'
7 benefits; and
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9 WHEREAS, vehicle component failure is a factor in a very
10 small percentage of motor vehicle accidents, nationally and in
11 Hawaii; and
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13 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the Department of Transportation found
14 that alcohol, speed, and distracted driving are leading causes
15 of fatal traffic accidents in the State, rather than causes
16 related to the vehicle's condition; and
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18 WHEREAS, many states have eliminated inspection
19 requirements without experiencing increased motor vehicle
20 accidents or injuries; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
24 that the Department of Transportation is requested to conduct a
25 study of the feasibility and advisability of eliminating the
26 State's safety inspection requirements for motor carrier
27 vehicles; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
30 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
31 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
32 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
33 2026; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.
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OFFERED BY: Kurt Fuchs

