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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A WORKING  
GROUP ON LOWERING THE LEGAL LIMIT OF BLOOD ALCOHOL  
CONCENTRATION TO 0.05 GRAMS OF ALCOHOL PER ONE HUNDRED  
MILLILITERS OF BLOOD.

1 WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety  
2 Commission, about thirty-seven people in the United States die  
3 in drunk-driving crashes every day; and

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5 WHEREAS, that number equates to one person dying every  
6 thirty-nine minutes; and

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8 WHEREAS, in 2022, 13,524 people died in alcohol-impaired  
9 driving traffic deaths across the United States; and

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11 WHEREAS, from 2011 to 2022, at least forty percent of  
12 traffic fatalities in Hawaii involved alcohol; and

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14 WHEREAS, research published in the Journal of Studies on  
15 Alcohol and Drugs in 2012 shows that if a person's blood alcohol  
16 concentration (BAC) is between 0.05 and 0.08 percent, their  
17 chances of being killed in a crash where only the person's  
18 vehicle is involved are at least seven times higher than if the  
19 person had not been drinking at all; and

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21 WHEREAS, reducing the legal BAC limit to 0.05 percent would  
22 likely lead to fewer instances of impaired driving and its  
23 consequences; and

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25 WHEREAS, a 0.05 percent BAC limit would serve as a general  
26 deterrent to impaired driving and affects all would-be drinking  
27 drivers; and

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29 WHEREAS, more than one hundred countries have reduced their  
30 legal BAC levels to 0.05 percent or lower, including Australia,  
31 France, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Germany; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
4 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
5 Transportation is urged to establish a working group on lowering  
6 the legal limit of blood alcohol concentration to 0.05 grams of  
7 alcohol per one hundred milliliters of blood; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
10 to consist of the following members:

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12 (1) The Director of Transportation or the Director's  
13 designee;  
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15 (2) A representative from the Office of the Prosecuting  
16 Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu;  
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18 (3) A representative from an office or department of the  
19 prosecuting attorney located on a neighbor island;  
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21 (4) A representative from the Hawaii Alcohol Policy  
22 Alliance; and  
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24 (5) A representative from the field of traffic safety and  
25 research with expertise in alcohol-impaired driving;  
26 and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
29 to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and  
30 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later  
31 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
32 of 2026; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
36 of Transportation, and Prosecuting Attorney of the City and  
37 County of Honolulu.  
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OFFERED BY: 

