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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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, the  
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
25 Transportation is requested to conduct a study of the  
26 feasibility and advisability of eliminating the State's safety  
27 inspection requirements for motor carrier 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



1 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
2 2026; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
6 Transportation.  
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OFFERED BY:

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