
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER MOVING TO A
DEMERIT POINTS-BASED DRIVER'S LICENSING SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, there were one hundred twenty-nine traffic
2 fatalities in Hawaii in 2025, the highest number since 2007; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has stated that
5 more than ninety percent of crashes can be attributed to human
6 behavior; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has a vested
9 interest in reducing traffic injuries and fatalities to ensure
10 the safety of all drivers on Hawaii's roads; and
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12 WHEREAS, the State currently relies on a traffic abstract
13 system to track moving traffic violations and determine
14 eligibility to maintain a driver's license; and
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16 WHEREAS, a demerit point system is a common method used by
17 licensing authorities to track driver behavior, where points are
18 added to a license for traffic violations; and
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20 WHEREAS, demerit point systems are correlated with positive
21 reductions in road traffic injuries, fatalities, and behavioral
22 risk factors; and
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24 WHEREAS, demerit point systems have been implemented in
25 approximately forty states and the District of Columbia; and
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27 WHEREAS, demerit point systems provide oversight on
28 dangerous driver behavior and continuous and clear consequences
29 for noncompliance and incentivize changes in behavior that
30 endanger other motorists; and
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1 WHEREAS, demerit point systems also provide opportunities
2 for drivers to correct dangerous behaviors and incentivize
3 driver education; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2026, that the Department of Transportation is urged to
8 consider moving to a demerit points-based driver's licensing
9 system; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and
13 the Mayors of each county.
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OFFERED BY: _____



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