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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF  
LAW ENFORCEMENT TO COLLABORATE TO ESTABLISH A STATE HIGHWAY  
POLICE FORCE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's roadways have become increasingly  
2 dangerous, particularly during the previous year; and  
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4 WHEREAS, an alarming increase in pedestrian and motorcycle  
5 fatalities, especially on Oahu, pushed the total number of  
6 deaths in 2025 on the State's roadways to 129, which is more  
7 than a twenty percent increase over the number of deaths in 2024  
8 and the highest number since 2007; and  
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10 WHEREAS, safety on Hawaii's roads could improve with  
11 greater enforcement of traffic laws and better transportation  
12 planning; and  
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14 WHEREAS, county police departments are primarily  
15 responsible for enforcing traffic laws on the State's roadways;  
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18 WHEREAS, the establishment of a state highway police force  
19 could supplement the efforts of county police departments; and  
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21 WHEREAS, collaboration between the Department of  
22 Transportation and Department of Law Enforcement to establish a  
23 state highway police force has the potential to significantly  
24 improve traffic safety on Hawaii's roadways by combining  
25 expertise, resources, and enforcement authority to address  
26 traffic challenges more comprehensively and effectively; and  
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28 WHEREAS, a state highway police force would allow for  
29 integrated strategies that blend transportation's emphasis on



1 infrastructure and traffic management with law enforcement's  
2 focus on compliance and deterrence; and  
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4 WHEREAS, a state highway police force could be specially  
5 trained and equipped to handle incidents on highways, ensuring  
6 rapid clearance of crashes and minimizing secondary accidents  
7 caused by congestion or confusion; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
12 Transportation and Department of Law Enforcement are requested  
13 to collaborate to establish a state highway police force; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
17 Transportation and Director of Law Enforcement.  
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OFFERED BY:

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