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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK
FORCE TO EVALUATE WHETHER THE STATE SHOULD IMPLEMENT A
DEMERIT POINT SYSTEM FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, safe and responsible driving is essential to the
2 lives, health, and safety of residents of the State; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State has experienced a significant increase
5 in traffic incidences involving bodily injury or death on its
6 roads; and
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8 WHEREAS, many of the traffic incidents that involved
9 serious bodily injury or death were hit and runs and the driver
10 that caused the accident abandoned the scene without rendering
11 aid or sharing pertinent information; and
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13 WHEREAS, many states and counties have implemented a
14 demerit point system for traffic violations that have resulted
15 in reduced recidivism and repeat offenses; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
19 that the Department of Transportation is requested to convene a
20 task force to evaluate whether the State should implement a
21 demerit point system for traffic violations; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
24 consist of the following members:
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26 (1) The Director of Transportation or their designee;
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28 (2) The Director of the Department of Transportation
29 Services of the City and County of Honolulu or their
30 designee;
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32 (3) The Mass Transit Administrator of the County of
33 Hawaii;
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- 1 (4) The Executive on Transportation of the County of Kauai
- 2 or their designee;
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- 4 (5) The Director of Transportation of the County of Maui
- 5 or their designee; and
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- 7 (6) The Chief of Police or Deputy Chief of Police of each
- 8 county; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
11 Transportation is requested to submit a report to the
12 Legislature of its findings and recommendations, including any
13 proposed Legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the
14 convening of the Regular Session of 2028; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,
18 Director of the Department of Transportation Services of the
19 City and County of Honolulu, Mass Transit Administrator of the
20 County of Hawaii, Executive on Transportation of the County of
21 Kauai, Director of Transportation of the County of Maui, and the
22 Chief of Police of each county.

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