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HR63 / HCR69
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CORRECT,
UPDATE, AND COMPLETE ITS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES GOVERNING THE
DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AUDITOR'S
REPORT NO. 25-06.**

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) offers support for HR63 and HCR69, requesting the DOT to correct, update, and complete its administrative rules governing the Driver Education Program as recommended by Auditor's Report No. 25-06.

This resolution requests the DOT to take corrective action in response to the findings outlined in Auditor's Report No. 25-06. Specifically, the resolution highlights deficiencies in the Driver Education Program, including the lack of curriculum certification and insufficient oversight mechanisms. The resolution further requests that the Department report back on the updated administrative rules and procedures implemented in response to the audit's recommendations.

The DOT recognizes the critical importance of maintaining a well-regulated and properly administered Driver Education Program. Driver education plays a foundational role in public safety by equipping new drivers with the knowledge, skills, and responsible habits necessary to operate motor vehicles safely on Hawaii's roadways. The findings cited in Auditor's Report No. 25-06 underscore the need for immediate and comprehensive administrative action to ensure that the program meets the highest standards of curriculum quality, certification, and program oversight.

The DOT is committed to addressing the audit's recommendations in a timely and thorough manner. The DOT has already restructured the Driver Education program to incorporate online classes and classroom testing and has restarted conducting Driver Education Task Force meetings to incorporate other updates for the benefit of the program in line with Auditor's Report No. 25-06. Correcting and completing the administrative rules governing the Driver Education Program will strengthen the Department's ability to certify qualified instructors, standardize curriculum across all program providers, and establish clear accountability measures. These improvements will ultimately contribute to safer roadways and better outcomes for drivers throughout the State of Hawaii.

The DOT welcomes the Legislature's oversight role in this matter and views H.C.R. 69 as an important step toward ensuring that the Driver Education Program fulfills its mandate to protect public safety. The Department looks forward to collaborating with the Legislature and relevant stakeholders to implement the necessary rule updates and procedural improvements as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this resolution.
legislation.

HR-63

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