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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO  
EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON  
CHILDREN.

1           WHEREAS, the popularity of all-terrain vehicles, commonly  
2 known as ATV's, has grown in recent years; and  
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4           WHEREAS, all-terrain vehicle rollovers, collisions, and  
5 ejections can cause serious or fatal injuries; and  
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7           WHEREAS, according to the United States Consumer Product  
8 Safety Commission, there were 9,633 ATV-related deaths reported  
9 nationally between 1982 and 2008, with fourteen of those deaths  
10 occurring in Hawaii; and  
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12           WHEREAS, all-terrain vehicles are particularly dangerous  
13 for minors, as children younger than sixteen accounted for an  
14 estimated sixteen per cent of all ATV-related deaths in 2009;  
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17           WHEREAS, the overrepresentation of children in the ATV-  
18 related injury and death statistics have led the American  
19 Academy of Pediatrics to recommend that no one under the age of  
20 sixteen should be authorized to operate all-terrain vehicles;  
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23           WHEREAS, a review of the impact of ATV-related accidents on  
24 children will help the State better understand the problem and  
25 find ways to avoid injuries and death; now, therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
29 of 2012, that the Department of Health is requested to convene a  
30 task force to examine the impact of all-terrain vehicle  
31 accidents on children; and  
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33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
34 specifically consider possible means, including legislation, to



1 minimize injuries and death suffered by children due to the use  
2 of all-terrain vehicles; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
5 include the following members, who are not subject to chapter  
6 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes:

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8 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;

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10 (2) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or the  
11 Director's designee;

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13 (3) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
14 Tourism, or the Director's designee;

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16 (4) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's  
17 designee;

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19 (5) A representative from the United States Product Safety  
20 Commission;

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22 (6) A representative from the American Academy of  
23 Pediatrics; and

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25 (7) Any other person that the chairperson of the task  
26 force deems advisable; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is  
29 requested to serve as chairperson of the task force; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
32 submit to the Legislature a report of its findings and  
33 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later  
34 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
35 of 2013; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
38 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the  
39 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Director of  
40 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Director of  
41 Transportation, the Chairperson of the United States Product  
42 Safety Commission, and the President of the American Academy of  
43 Pediatrics.

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