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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING STATEWIDE SUPPORT FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION TO  
REDUCE MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITIES AND INJURIES.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation supports all  
2 efforts to reduce motor vehicle fatalities through legislation;  
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5           WHEREAS, during the calendar years of 2013-2017, Hawaii  
6 tallied five hundred seventeen motor vehicle fatalities, which  
7 is unacceptable as these deaths were preventable if all roadway  
8 users followed Hawaii's laws; and  
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10           WHEREAS, a strong multifaceted approach using enforcement,  
11 education, and legislation is necessary to reduce the number of  
12 motor vehicle fatalities and injuries; and  
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14           WHEREAS, statewide support is needed for traffic safety  
15 measures that increase public safety, including measures that:  
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17           (1) Appropriate general funds to establish an in-state  
18 drug testing lab to test blood samples of persons  
19 involved in motor vehicle crashes for alcohol and  
20 drugs, as currently blood samples need to be sent out  
21 of the State, which results in unnecessary delays and  
22 costs;  
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24           (2) Allow county police departments to receive a portion  
25 of the fines for the citations they issue to be used  
26 for increased county enforcement efforts, equipment  
27 purchases, and training;  
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29           (3) Strengthen Hawaii's child passenger restraint law by  
30 extending the age requirement for children riding in a  
31 booster seat because child safety seats, when  
32 correctly installed and used, are extremely effective



1 in saving children's lives, reducing the risk of death  
2 by as much as seventy-one percent for infants and  
3 fifty-four percent for toddlers;  
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5 (4) Provide stronger penalties for persons who violate  
6 Hawaii's universal seat belt law because research has  
7 found that seat belts reduce the risk of fatal  
8 injuries by forty-five percent and the risk of  
9 critical injuries by fifty percent;

10 (5) Establish a universal helmet law that requires all  
11 motorcycle, moped, and bicycle riders to wear a helmet  
12 while riding on public roadways to reduce a rider's  
13 chance of traumatic brain injury or paralysis after an  
14 accident;  
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16 (6) Prohibit persons from riding in the cargo area of a  
17 pickup truck to reduce preventable fatalities and  
18 injuries; and  
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20 (7) Establish a marijuana education program to help the  
21 public understand the perils of edible marijuana,  
22 especially the dangers of driving while impaired to  
23 prevent an increase in drug impaired driving  
24 fatalities; and  
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27 WHEREAS, full consideration and robust discussion on these  
28 issues and other traffic safety legislation in the current and  
29 future legislative sessions to address roadway safety are  
30 necessary so that all of Hawaii's residents and visitors arrive  
31 alive; now, therefore,  
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
34 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
35 House of Representatives concurring, that this body urges  
36 statewide support of traffic safety legislation to reduce motor  
37 vehicle fatalities and injuries; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chief  
41 Justice, Attorney General, Director of Transportation, Director



1 of Health, Director of Public Safety, mayors of each county, and  
2 Chief of Police of each county.

