
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD TO
CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT CONCERNING THE BEST MANNER IN WHICH
TO MAKE PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES MORE NOTICEABLE TO
DRIVERS.

1 WHEREAS, personal mobility devices (PMDs) provide a
2 convenient and necessary mode of transportation for the
3 disabled; and
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5 WHEREAS, the low-sitting nature of PMDs sometimes
6 compromises the safety of rider, as they are often below the
7 line of sight of vehicular drivers; and
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9 WHEREAS, traffic and traffic crossings can be dangerous for
10 those who use PMDs as a result of their low visibility; and
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12 WHEREAS, on September 30, 2004, former Honolulu Police
13 Chief Michael Nakamura was struck by a moving vehicle while
14 crossing the street using a PMD; and
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16 WHEREAS, this tragic event may have been avoided if Chief
17 Nakamura's PMD had been more visible; and
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19 WHEREAS, a device such as a reflector or brightly colored
20 flag attached to a PMD may possibly increase the chances of a
21 driver noticing it and avoiding an accident; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2006, that the Disability and Communication Access Board
26 (DCAB) is requested to conduct an assessment concerning the best
27 manner in which to make PMDs more noticeable to drivers; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DCAB is requested to propose
30 legislation that would ensure the safety of users of PMDs; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DCAB is requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director and each member of the Disability and Communication Access Board.

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