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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF AN OPEN ROAD RACING  
EVENT ON OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, there is substantial interest in holding open road  
2 racing events for motor vehicles on the island of Oahu; and  
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4 WHEREAS, open road racing is a high speed race driven on  
5 closed public highways; competitors attempt to set certain  
6 speeds on a course of pre-determined length and to outrun each  
7 other for the victory; and  
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9 WHEREAS, in Nevada, where open road racing is legal, there  
10 are strict rules and requirements for each open road race; for  
11 example, at the Silver State Classic Challenge each class of  
12 cars specifies the safety equipment levels required for cars,  
13 drivers, navigators, and a maximum speed, which may not be  
14 exceeded for each individual class; and  
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16 WHEREAS, there is a strong auto racing culture in many  
17 countries, in the United States, and particularly in California;  
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20 WHEREAS, to avoid illegal open road racing that often  
21 endangers the public, legal open road racing events in strictly  
22 controlled environments may provide a safe alternative  
23 acceptable to drivers, fans, and the public; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that an objective, reasoned  
26 examination of issues relating to open road racing would assist  
27 members in resolving this matter; now, therefore,  
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
31 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the City and County  
32 of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services and the state



1 Department of Transportation are requested to conduct a study on  
 2 the feasibility of holding open road racing events; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
 5 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu and  
 6 the state Department of Transportation are requested to include  
 7 in the study the following:  
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- 9 (1) Analyze the feasibility of open road racing events on  
 10 the island of Oahu, including the location of possible  
 11 sites for racing courses, spectator stands, and any  
 12 concessions or services;  
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- 14 (2) Draft rules and necessary legislation required to hold  
 15 open road racing events;  
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- 17 (3) Analyze safety issues for the public and the  
 18 participants and establish requirements to provide  
 19 safe events;  
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- 21 (4) Determine the amount of fees to make each event self-  
 22 sustaining, taking into account required manpower to  
 23 set up each event, maintenance, and other issues; in  
 24 particular, the amount of entry fee for race  
 25 participants and for spectators;  
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- 27 (5) Assess the impact of road closure for open road races  
 28 on traffic, including public transportation; and  
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- 30 (6) Analyze potential financial opportunities for the  
 31 organizers, for example, fees generated for licenses  
 32 for concession stands selling food, drinks, and other  
 33 goods or services; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
 37 Director of Transportation, and the Mayor, the Chairperson of  
 38 the Council, the Managing Director, and the Director of the  
 39 Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of  
 40 Honolulu.  
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