
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING VEHICLE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES
FOR CONVICTED DRUNK DRIVING OFFENDERS.

1 WHEREAS, the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities
2 in Hawaii has increased over the past four years, reversing a
3 decade-long decline in the drunk driving fatality rate; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii had the second highest percentage of
6 alcohol-related traffic fatalities in the nation in 2005 at a
7 rate of 51.7 percent; and
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9 WHEREAS, while enforcement of existing laws governing
10 alcohol-impaired driving have had an impact on alcohol-related
11 traffic fatalities, this action alone may not be sufficient to
12 bring about substantial improvements; and
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14 WHEREAS, one method of deterring drunk driving is to
15 prohibit an impaired driver from operating a vehicle by
16 disabling the physical operation of the vehicle; and
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18 WHEREAS, an ignition interlock device is a device that is
19 connected to a vehicle's ignition system, which prohibits a
20 vehicle from being started until the driver of the vehicle
21 passes a breathalyzer test that is connected to the device; and
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23 WHEREAS, by attaching ignition interlock devices to the
24 vehicle of individuals who have been convicted of violating
25 Hawaii's Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an
26 Intoxicant (OVUII) laws, those individuals cannot operate their
27 vehicle until the breathalyzer produces a qualifying breath
28 sample; and
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30 WHEREAS, recent advances in ignition interlock technology
31 have increased the device's effectiveness and resistance to
32 tampering; and



1 WHEREAS, as an enforcement tool, many jurisdictions
2 currently have laws requiring the use of ignition interlock
3 devices on vehicles of persons convicted of violating drunk
4 driving laws enforcement, and these jurisdictions have
5 experienced a decrease in the number of impaired drivers on
6 their roadways and the number of alcohol-related traffic
7 fatalities; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
11 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
12 Transportation (DOT) is requested to study the feasibility of
13 requiring the installation of vehicle ignition interlock devices
14 on vehicles of convicted drunk driving offenders, including
15 exploring and recommending procedures for the introduction of
16 ignition interlock technology to Hawaii; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOT, in collaboration with
19 Mothers Against Drunk Driving - Hawaii (MADD-HAWAII), establish
20 a working group of appropriate governmental and other community
21 agencies, including the county prosecutors and State Attorney
22 General, to provide input into this study and any procedures
23 developed for the use of ignition interlock devices; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOT submit a report of its
26 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
27 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days before the
28 convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
32 Transportation, Attorney General, offices of the county
33 prosecutors, and the Director of MADD-HAWAII.

