
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE
TRAFFIC SAFETY FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION.

1 WHEREAS, the State's worsening transportation problems are
2 imposing substantial costs on the State's residents and
3 businesses; and
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5 WHEREAS, the frequency and severity of traffic accidents
6 and pedestrian accidents cause public concern over whether the
7 State can do more to prevent accidents; and
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9 WHEREAS, recently reported news in the *Honolulu Advertiser*
10 indicate that the Department of Transportation tightly restricts
11 access to its massive data in fear of sensitive data being used
12 in lawsuits against the State for hazardous road conditions,
13 including dangerous pedestrian crosswalks; and
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15 WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the State to provide for
16 highway and pedestrian safety to the greatest possible extent
17 for the health and well-being of all the State's residents; and
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19 WHEREAS, section 26-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides
20 that the Department of Transportation has the responsibility to
21 plan, develop, promote, and coordinate various transportation
22 management programs, which includes traffic safety; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation should be
25 collecting traffic safety information, including but not limited
26 to, traffic accident location, frequency, and severity;
27 pedestrian accident frequency and location; speed limit
28 violations; and traffic signal light timing; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is



1 requested to conduct a performance audit of the traffic safety
2 function of the Department of Transportation to determine how
3 traffic safety information is collected and used, and to make
4 recommendations on improving the traffic safety functions of the
5 Department, including pedestrian safety; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit also address concerns
8 of how the Department of Transportation collects traffic safety
9 information, including but not limited to, information
10 concerning vehicular accidents and road safety, and whether such
11 information is transmitted to the Governor and the Legislature;
12 and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
15 report its findings and recommendations, including proposed
16 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
17 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the
21 Director of Transportation.

