

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 98
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY FUNCTION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to examine the Department of
Transportation's traffic safety function to determine how traffic
safety may be increased.

Specifically, the measure requests the Auditor to conduct a
performance audit of the traffic safety function of the Department
of Transportation by determining how traffic safety information is
collected and used and to recommend improvements, particularly
concerning pedestrian safety.

The Department of Transportation submitted comments on the
measure.

Your Committee finds that the State has the obligation to
provide for highway and pedestrian safety to the greatest possible
extent, and pursuant to section 26-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
the Department of Transportation is charged with planning,
developing, promoting, and coordinating various transportation
systems management plans, including traffic safety. Your
Committee recognizes that traffic safety, and particularly
pedestrian safety, has become an increasingly critical issue due

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to the recent rise in highly-publicized traffic accidents, often involving fatalities. Your Committee further recognizes that the data relating to traffic safety, including traffic accident location, frequency, and severity; pedestrian accident frequency and location; speed limit violations, and traffic signal timing, is not readily accessible to the public.

Accordingly, your Committee believes that an audit of the Department of Transportation's performance regarding the collection and use of traffic information by the Auditor will provide transparency and accountability and help to improve traffic safety.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.				/
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	6	0	0	5
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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