
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES TO ACTIVELY SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO
CONSTRUCT MORE ROUNDABOUTS INSTEAD OF SIGNALIZED, RIGHT-
ANGLE INTERSECTIONS IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports
2 that fatal crashes at intersections nationwide increased
3 eighteen per cent during the period between 1992 and 1998; and
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5 WHEREAS, modern roundabouts are designed to control traffic
6 flow at intersections without the use of stop signs or traffic
7 signals; and
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9 WHEREAS, in recent years, there has been growing interest
10 in the potential benefits of roundabouts and an increase in
11 construction of roundabouts; and
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13 WHEREAS, although uncommon in Hawaii, other states and
14 countries are constructing roundabouts as a safer alternative to
15 intersections; and
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17 WHEREAS, California, Colorado, Florida, Maine, Maryland,
18 Michigan, Nevada, South Carolina, Vermont, and Washington are
19 among the states that are constructing modern roundabouts; and
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21 WHEREAS, the absence of right angles, combined with the
22 necessary reduction in speed, makes roundabouts safer for
23 pedestrians and bicyclists as well as for motorists; and
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25 WHEREAS, an eight-state study of twenty-four intersections
26 before and after construction of roundabouts found a thirty-nine
27 per cent decrease in crashes and a seventy-six per cent decrease
28 in crashes that resulted in injury; and
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1 WHEREAS, the evidence is clear that constructing properly-
2 designed roundabouts instead of right-angle intersections in
3 Hawaii would likely reduce the number of crashes and the number
4 of injuries suffered by Hawaii motorists; now, therefore,
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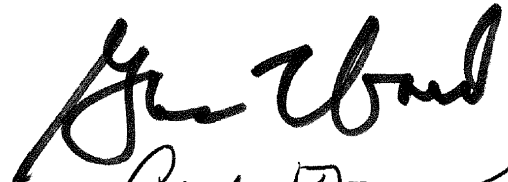
6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
8 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
9 Transportation and county agencies having responsibility for
10 transportation are encouraged to actively seek opportunities to
11 construct more roundabouts instead of signalized, right-angle
12 intersections in the State; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
16 Transportation and to the Mayor and the Chairperson of the
17 Council of each county.
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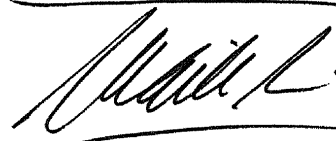


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