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# SENATE 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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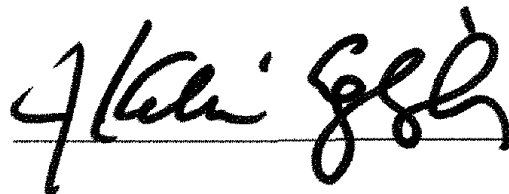


1 WHEREAS, the evidence is clear that constructing properly-  
2 designed roundabouts instead of right-angle intersections in  
3 Hawaii would likely reduce the number of crashes and the number  
4 of injuries suffered by Hawaii motorists; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
8 House of Representatives 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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