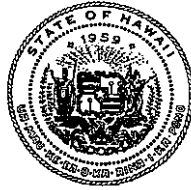


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1 **Department's Position:** The Department appreciates the intent of this measure provided that it does not
2 adversely impact our Executive Supplemental Budget, and would like to offer the following
3 information.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure provides several mechanisms to increase resources for Hawaii's
5 trauma system by adding funding to the trauma system special fund. In addition to the cigarette taxes to
6 be deposited into the trauma special fund, this measure adds new funds from trauma surcharges on
7 various offenses.

8 **Purpose and Justification:** As the leading cause of death from ages 1-44 years, trauma is one of the
9 most serious public health problems we face. The death of so many young people who could have led
10 productive lives and the resulting disabilities that many injuries produce in survivors take a tremendous
11 toll on society. A comprehensive statewide trauma system built on public health principles can reduce
12 death and disability from injuries. The Department is committed to planning and building such a
13 system.

14 This measure would increase funding for Hawaii's trauma system development through the
15 imposition of a trauma surcharge on penalties for driving while intoxicated, with the revenues generated

1 to be deposited into the trauma special fund. These trauma surcharges have a logical connection to
2 trauma system funding as the offenses that generate them are associated with an increased risk of injury.
3 The amount of added revenue these surcharges would bring has not yet been estimated by the
4 Department.

5 In the coming year, the Department will continue its efforts for trauma system development.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.