
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that traffic accident
2 management is of utmost public importance, especially when a
3 fatality occurs. Although the evidence collected at traffic
4 accident scenes is crucial to determining the cause of the
5 accident and to fix responsibility for the injuries and death
6 that result, these accident investigations proceed at a slower
7 rate in Hawaii than in comparable metropolitan areas in the
8 United States. The length of time for lane closures in Hawaii
9 ranges from two to four hours for major traffic accidents to as
10 much as eight hours when a fatality occurs.

11 The legislature also finds that these prolonged closures of
12 traffic lanes adversely affect the public and our economy
13 because students cannot reach school and school activities or
14 return home afterwards; employees cannot reach their place of
15 work or attend meetings at remote locations; and businesses
16 cannot receive or deliver products necessary to conduct
17 business. These traffic jams also bode ill for the economy
18 because tourists cannot reach their destinations and spend money



1 and may leave Hawaii feeling that they have not been on vacation
2 at all. Moreover, these prolonged investigative delays may
3 result in secondary accidents that cause further delays and
4 incur additional expenses. Expenditure from the neurotrauma
5 special fund of assessments paid by those convicted of traffic
6 offenses creating the risk of injury and death is appropriate to
7 improve traffic accident investigation and is an investment that
8 will pay for itself by reducing overall costs and removing
9 obstacles to the smooth flow of our economy.

10 The purpose of this Act is to expedite the investigation of
11 major traffic accidents statewide by providing grants-in-aid to
12 the counties for photogrammetry equipment and training.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the neurotrauma
14 special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
15 necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for a grant-in-aid to
16 purchase and train police officers in the use of photogrammetric
17 traffic accident investigation technology in the county of
18 Hawaii.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
20 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the neurotrauma
22 special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be



1 necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for a grant-in-aid to
2 purchase and train police officers in the use of photogrammetric
3 traffic accident investigation technology in the city and county
4 of Honolulu.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the city and
6 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the neurotrauma
8 special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
9 necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for a grant-in-aid to
10 purchase and train police officers in the use of photogrammetric
11 traffic accident investigation technology in the county of
12 Kauai.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
14 Kauai for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the neurotrauma
16 special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
17 necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for a grant-in-aid to
18 purchase and train police officers in the use of photogrammetric
19 traffic accident investigation technology in the county of Maui.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
21 Maui for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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Report Title:

Highway Safety; Traffic Accident Investigation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the counties from the neurotrauma special fund for purchase and training in the use of photogrammetric traffic accident investigation technology.

