
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
INFORMATION ON ANNUAL INJURIES AND DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH
ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE.

1 WHEREAS, off-road all-terrain vehicle (ATV's) deaths and
2 injuries have climbed over the past years due to their
3 popularity as recreational vehicles; and
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5 WHEREAS, ATV rollovers, collisions and ejections can cause
6 fatalities as well as serious injuries; and
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8 WHEREAS, according to the Consumer Product Safety
9 Commission, Hawaii has had 14 ATV related deaths from 1982
10 through 2007; and
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12 WHEREAS, nationwide the Consumer Product Safety Commission
13 staff has received reports of up to 151,000 injuries a year and
14 8,995 ATV-related deaths between 1982 and 2007; and
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16 WHEREAS, since 1998, the ATV industry has observed
17 voluntary guidelines restricting the sale of adult-sized ATV's
18 for use by children under age 16, but the number of children per
19 year injured on ATV's is alarming; and
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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii, Mississippi, Montana, Wyoming, and
22 Washington D.C. are the only areas that do not have any safety
23 laws pertaining to ATV's; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that review of state
26 statistics on ATV injuries and deaths can help it understand the
27 problem and find ways to keep injuries and deaths to a minimum;
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1 WHEREAS, knowledge and extent of the problem will aide in
2 creating legislation to help keep the injuries and deaths from
3 increasing; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2010, that the department of health is requested to gather
8 annual state statistics on deaths and injuries related to all-
9 terrain vehicles; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health shall
12 request statistics on ATV-related deaths and injuries from
13 hospitals, clinics and private physicians; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health is
16 requested to report current and past statistics, if any, to the
17 Legislature and also to recommend appropriate legislation to
18 help prevent deaths and injuries; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of
22 Health, Hawaii Medical Association, Healthcare Association of
23 Hawaii, American Academy of Pediatrics-Hawaii, and American
24 Orthopedic Association-Hawaii Chapter.
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